

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
May 18, 2010
I.B.E.W., Local #1 Hall

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council was called to order by President Robert Soutier at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

President Soutier led the delegates in the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance to our country's flag.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Donald Giljum, Joseph Barrett, Nancy Cross, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Edward Fleming, Jr., Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Joseph Schonlau, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Vincent Todt, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Mary Armstrong, Jim Dougherty, Michael Goebel, Gordon King, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the April 20, 2010 meeting minutes as printed. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

President Soutier read the 2010 United Way Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, enthusiastically supports the United Way because we believe it to be the way to meet the many needs of all of our citizens in the area of health, welfare, and social services through nearly 200 local agencies; and

WHEREAS: There can be no doubt that the United Way possesses the talent and ability to assure the highest degree of use for the voluntary dollars collected than any other

group or any other fundraising campaign because of its experience and expertise;
and

WHEREAS: When the leadership of the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, has called upon the United Way labor staff to provide assistance to union brothers and sisters, the response has been swift and extremely positive;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO, endorses the 2010 United Way Campaign and urges all members of organized labor to help people in our community by making a contribution to the 2010 United Way Campaign.

Fraternally Submitted,



Robert A. Soutier, President

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the resolution as read.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS
VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First Vice President, John Ebeling read the Executive Board report as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Location: Jewish Community Center – Kopolow Building

(Schedule Change)

Thursday, May 6, 2010

The May 6, 2010 meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Robert Soutier.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Gerald Feldhaus, Mike Goebel, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Gary Otten for Joseph Barrett, Tom Sansevere for Tom George, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Patrick White, and David Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Edward Fleming, Jr., Don Giljum, Pat Kellett, Gordon King, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Joe Schonlau, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt, and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Marcia Cline, and Roz Sherman Voellinger, United Way; Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; and Robert Kortkamp and Karen Lyons, Labor Council.

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President Soutier opened the meeting by introducing Batya Abramson-Goldstein, Executive Director Jewish Community Relations Council, who welcomed the Board to their facility.

President Soutier then announced Ed Winedell, Manager of Chuck's Boots in St. Peters who sponsored the lunch.

Soutier then introduced Brian Wahby, Chairman St. Louis City Democratic Central Committee.

Mr. Wahby told the Board of their desire to bring the 2012 Democratic National Convention to St. Louis and asked for a letter of endorsement from the Labor Council as well as the Construction Trades Council. Bob Soutier and Jerry Feldhaus would be on the host committee along with many other influential people in the area. Jack Dorsey, founder of "Twitter" will also be on the committee and you can go to STLDNC2012 on Face Book to gain more information.

Wahby explained that St. Louis is one of 16 cities being scouted as host city for the Convention, but that probably only 8 or 9 will actually submit a bid. The 80-page bid document is due by May 21st, so he would like the letters of support sent as soon as possible. Brian also said that this would be a wonderful opportunity to showcase St. Louis via the national media, as events will be held in most of the city's largest venues such as the Edward Jones Dome, Scott Trade Center, the City Museum, and Forest Park to name a few. He said that Convention Headquarters would be located in Renaissance Grand Hotel, which is a union hotel.

The DNC will be meeting in St. Louis in August with 500 guests. There will be 50,000 guests expected for the actual Convention.

Karen Lyons reminded the Board of the upcoming Andy Owens Community Services Award and Robert J. Kelley Friend of Labor Award ceremony on Friday, August 6, 2010. She said that this would be different in that it will not be a formal dinner, but a luau and awards ceremony cocktail party. The idea was to be a little more fun and casual while still presenting the awards to worthy recipients. This years' recipients will be Jim Dougherty, President of UFCW, Local 655 for the Andy Owens Community Service Award and George Roman, Vice President Boeing Corporation recipient of the Robert J. Kelley Friend of Labor Award. She informed the Board that "Hold the Date" notices would be in the mail by Friday, May 7, 2010.

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Fraternally Submitted,



Robert A. Soutier, President

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Resolution as read.

A discussion was held on the importance of supporting the United Way.

President Soutier gave the floor to Ed Finkelstein who explained the new campaign that he and Soutier initiated for the \$5 for the Fight Fund. This campaign will be called “Buck\$1 Up for a Union Brother or Sister – *Share & Care for One Another.*” The concept is to gain at least a \$1 donation from *every* working union member to go into the fund to help out the families of our less fortunate union members. Ed also asked that the Council send a letter to each affiliate asking them to reach out to their members in an effort to gain support of this initiative. It was stated that the only way for this campaign to be successful is to have complete participation of all unions.

President Soutier reported on the meeting held at the GCC/IBT, Local 6-505 Hall on May 4, 2010, between the Labor Council Executive Board and the area Labor Clubs. Soutier said that this was an extremely positive meeting, with several in-depth discussions leading to all parties being on the same page.

A discussion followed regarding the Labor Clubs and the overall good job they do in recommending candidates.

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Marcia Cline reported on the successful “Surviving Layoff” Seminar that was held on Tuesday, April 13 at the District 9 Machinists Hall. Marcia said the need was so overwhelming that they are planning another such event to be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the Graphic Communications Hall in Maryland Heights from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Topics such as coping with stress, job search services, health and addiction, and bill paying will be presented. This program is designed to help families, so spouses are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1, reported that an election in Missouri for Home Healthcare Workers won by 60% and thanked the Labor Council for its support.

Kevin McNatt, President UNITE HERE, Local #74 informed the Board of a Rally he would be hosting called “Rock the River Rally” for the President Casino workers on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 9:00 at the President Casino. The rally will be in support of these workers trying to receive transfer rights or priority hiring at one of Pinnacles’ St. Louis facilities when the President closes.

Marcia Cline also reminded the Board of the Letter Carriers food drive to be held on Saturday, May 8. The food collected will be donated to area food banks.

Jim Dougherty, President UFCW, Local #655 asked if there should be a motion to support the effort to bring the Democrat Convention to St. Louis in 2012. It was agreed, Jim made the motion, and it was seconded and approved to support this endeavor.

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally,



Robert A. Soutier, President
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A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as read.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Soutier asked permission from the delegation to make an exception to the rule regarding the Labor Club COPE recommendations on state senate races. Soutier explained that he had set a deadline of June 3 for those recommendations to be sent in and since there would be no time to have another delegate meeting before sending the recommendations to Jefferson City for the MO AFL-CIO meeting, he asked that the approval of the Executive Board be sufficient.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow this exception.

Soutier said that there would be a June 3, 2010 conference call at 9:30 a.m. for the Executive Board to approve the COPE recommendations prior to the June 7, 2010 AFL-CIO Executive Board meeting in Jefferson City.

President Soutier reported that the “Rock the River Rally” for the President Casino workers had a great turnout and positive media coverage.

Soutier reminded the delegation of the Labor 2010 Training Session on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers, Local #36 Hall.

President Soutier informed the delegates of a new campaign called “Buck Up for a Union Brother or Sister.” This campaign will be an extension of the \$5 for the Fight Campaign in which we try to encourage every “working” union member to buck up a dollar a month to help out an “out of work union member.”

Soutier also informed the delegates that the Executive Board members, along with some of their friends and family members volunteered their time on Saturday, April 24, 2010 to help package food for the organization, Kids Against Hunger. This organization is a local, 100% volunteer-driven international food relief project. Soutier said that the group helped to package over 10,000 meals for the hungry.

Soutier reported on the recent meeting between the area Labor Clubs and the Executive Board. He said that while the Clubs do a great job of recommending candidates, they would work on coming up with better forms and guidelines. Soutier said that that the meeting was productive and upbeat, and that both groups seemed to be on the same page.

President Soutier informed the delegates that a committee would be meeting on Wednesday, May 19 at the Council office to interview state senate candidates.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 651.925 for March 2010.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 encouraged everyone to go to the website pacenow.org to gain knowledge of the “green energy movement.”

Randy Kiser, AFL-CIO spoke on the training session to be held at Sheet Metal, Local 36 Hall on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend. Randy also introduced Bill Otto to the delegation. Bill will be working with Randy on Labor 2010.

Bob Kortkamp, Retired District 9 Machinist thanked everyone for their participation in the 2010 Union Labor Mass. He said that it had been a success and he was able to donate more money to the Shrine of St. Joseph this year because of the well attended event.

Tony Pecinovski, St. Louis Newspaper Guild spoke on the affects of the recent oil spill and how it will affect union jobs in Louisiana. He suggested that we send a letter of solidarity to that region. A motion was made seconded and approved to do so.

Rick Peppers, IAM 837A spoke on a legislative conference that he attended in DC and the fact that he was disheartened by the response he received from Congress and the Senate. He said that the labor movement needs to be more pro-active in letting them know that we are not happy with the job they are doing.

Mike Lewis, District 9, Local 777 was also in DC and was virtually ignored by Claire McCaskill. He also stated that Joann Emerson-R is not our enemy! That she has stood by Labor with a 71% voting record.

Mike Chenot, Letter Carriers asked for support of HR 173 which supports 6-day mail service.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Roz Sherman Voellinger, United Way thanked everyone for the passage of the United Way Resolution and Labors continued support. Roz also said that there was a flyer at the entrance of the room regarding a seminar they would be presenting on June 2 at the Graphic Communications Hall called "Preventing Workplace Violence."

Karla May, CWA, Local 6300 thanked everyone for their support for her as State Representative of the 57th District. She said that she had gotten over 44% of the vote on the ballot for August 3.

Damon Jones, IAM, Local 37 spoke on behalf of Clem Smith for State Rep of the 71st District.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The community services' drawing was held.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before the delegates, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Fraternally,



Robert A. Soutier, President

May 2010

The following Delegates were present:

Administrator's Association of the St. Louis Public Schools, Local #44
88 Members

Aluminum, Brick & Glass Workers Local #169 – 284 Members

Asbestos Workers Local 1 – 369 Members
John Stiffler

Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Bakers No. 4 – 963 Members

Bricklayers No. 1 – 1093 Members
Joseph Schonlau

Chemical Workers Union No. 432 – 172 Members

Communications Workers No. 6300 – 4248 Members
Tony Ellebracht
Earline Jones

Print & Media Sector
John Ebeling

No. 6350 – 209 Members
No. 6390 – 150 Members

St. Louis Mailers Union No. 3/CWA 14620 – 250 Members
James Metz

St. Louis Newspaper Guild No. 47/CWA 36047 – 353 Members
Tony Pecinovsky
Joe Pollack

Intl. Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers No. 818 – 21 Members

Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers No.1 – 4300 Members
Tom George
Leon Arties
Tom Berger
Fran Dilliard
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
Jacob Hummel
Brian Lavac

Tom Sansevere
No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 296 Members
Mike Pendergast

No. 1439 – 593 Members
Mark Staffne
Mike Walter

No. 1455 – 650 Members

Elevator Constructors No. 3 - 352 Members
Vince Todt

Operating Engineers No. 148 – 1,453 Members
Don Giljum

Federal Labor and Trade Unions No. 20711 (Advertising, Publicity and Newspaper Representatives)
8 members

Fire Fighters No. 73 – 434 Members
No. 757 – 72 Members
No. 1889 – 118 Members
No. 2665 – 1,839 Members
Mark Woolbright
No. 2677 – 21 Members

Lindbergh Federation of Food Service Employees Local 6006 – 40 Members

Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastic and Allied Workers (GMP) Local 182B – 45 Members

American Federation of Government Employees No. 3354 – 50 Members

GCC/IBT International Union No. 38 N – 100 Members
Dennis Clancy
William Sullivan, Jr.
No. 6-505M – 1240 Members
Chico Humes
Donald Osiek
Kenneth Truemper

Iron Workers Bridge and Structural Iron Workers No. 396 – 850 Members
Tom McNeil

Bill Brennell
Mike Butler
Don Robertson
William Trendley
Frank Winterer

Laborers International Union

No. 42 – 250 Members
No. 53 – 400 Members
No. 110 – 500 Members
Rich Casson
Don Willey
No. 660 – 225 Members
Perri Pryor

Letter Carriers Branch No. 343

1400 Members
Mike Chenot
Gus Frank
Robinette Hensley
Melvin McNair
Pamela Stepney

Longshoremen

No. 1652 – 20 Members

Machinists & Aerospace Workers

Progressive Lodge No. 41
697 Members

Stephen Branson
Richard Feldhaus
Michael Ribbert

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688

167 Members
Charles Groeteke
Al Mieger

Automotive Lodge No. 777

1769 Members
Michael Louis
Dave Meinell
Mike Musgrove
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”

1948 Members
Sandra Henderson
Kurt Manns
Richard Peppers
Michael Smith

District 837 Lodge “B”

1465 Members

Production Workers Lodge 1345

1455 Members
Robert Soutier
Robert Kortkamp

Lodge No. 1745 – 303 Members

Musicians No. 2-197 -543 Members
Gary Smith

Office and Professional Employees

No. 13 – 329 Members
No. 277 – 10 Members

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters

No. 562 -- 1000 Members
Patrick Kellett
Brian Chumley
Mike Grady

Sprinkler Fitters No. 268

350 Members

Postal Workers Union

St. Louis Gateway Area Local 8
1950 Members
Local 7043 – 100 Members

**Professional Airways System Specialist
(PASS) Gateway Chapter, #255**

86 Members

Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Wkrs.

Roofers No. 2 – 400 Members

Seafarers International Union

300 Members

Service Employees Intl. Union

No. 1 (The MO Division)
– 3650 Members
Nancy Cross
Marcia Cline

Sheet Metal Workers

No. 36 – 1,731 Members
David Zimmermann
Jason Randl

I.A.T.S.E.

**Theatrical Stage Employees,
Moving Picture Technicians,
Artists and Allied Crafts**

Studio Mechanics
No. 493 – 90 Members

**Theatrical Employees - (Ushers,
Usherettes and Ticket Takers)**

No. B-2 – 225 Members
**Theatrical Brotherhood – (Stage
Hands) No. 6** – 124 Members

**Projectionists, Audio Visual
Engineers & Computer
Technicians**
No. 143 – 35 Members
Treasurers and Ticket Sellers
No. 774 – 57 Members
Theatrical Wardrobe Attendants
No. 805 – 28 Members

**United Steel Workers International
Union**
U.S.W. – Gasworkers, No. 11-6
917 Members
Pat White

U.S.W., No. 11-152 – 45 Members
U.S.W., No. 11-194 – 251 Members
Holly Sloan

U.S.W., No. 884 – 87 Members

Steelworkers
No. 9014 – 659 Members
Gary Reay

Wholesale Upholsterers
No. 25 – 32 Members

**Awning & Tent Workers & Decorators
Decorators & Displaymen**
No. 39 – 50 Members

Teachers
St. Louis Teachers
No. 420 – 1852 Members
Mary Armstrong
Byron Clemens

Lindbergh Federation
No. 2420 – 2 Members
Junior College Dist. Federation
No. 3506 – 87 Members
**Wentzville Federation of School-
Related Employees,**
No. 4894 – 150 Members

Teamsters
No. 688 – 500 Members
Michael Goebel
Roland Lewis

Transit Union
No. 788 – 1,220 Members
Edward Fleming, Jr.

Transport Workers Union of America
No. 529 – 423 Members

**Transport Workers Union
Railroad Division**

No. 1647 – 10 Members

Utility Workers
No. 335 – 446 Members

**UNITE HERE - Union of Needletrades,
Industrial and Textile Employees**
St. Louis District Joint Board
No. 56A – 75 Members
No. 74 – 2000 Members
Kevin McNatt

No. 104 – 10 Members
No. 254C – 10 Members
No. 428 – 5 Members

United Food and Commercial Workers,
No. 655 – 10,965 Members
Jim Dougherty
Cynthia Blackmon
Michael Kelley
Nick Trupiano
Harriett Weaver

**COUNCILS, DISTRICTS,
JOINT BOARDS**

Building and Construction Trades Council
Gerald Feldhaus

Communications Workers of America
City Council

Intl. Union of Electronic, Electrical,
Salaried, Machine & Furniture
Workers, IUE/CWA, District 8-6

MO State Conference of Electrical Workers
MO State Council of Fire Fighters
St. Louis District Iron Workers
District Council of St. Louis &
Vicinity

St. Louis Union Label and
Service Trades Council
Laura Moore

Eastern Mo. Laborers
District Council

Machinists & Aerospace Workers
District 9
Tony Rippetto
District Lodge No. 837
Gordon King

Painter's District Council No. #2
Joseph Barrett
Gary Otto

St. Louis Allied Printing Trades Council

Seafarers, St. Louis Port Council
Eastern Missouri Steel Council
SEIU MO / KS State Council
Teamsters Joint Council No. 13

AUXILIARIES

Missouri State AFL-CIO Aux.
International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers No. 1 Aux.
Graphic Communications Aux.
Allied Printing Trades Council Aux.
Auxiliary 29 to Typographical
Union No. #8

SUPPORT GROUPS

St. Louis Labor Council
Retirees Council
St. Louis Chapter, Coalition of
Black Trade Unionists
A. Philip Randolph Institute,
St. Louis Chapter (APRI)
Coalition of Labor Union Women

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