

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
April 19, 2011
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, April 19, 2011.

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, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Michael Goebel, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Joe Steiger, Joseph Schonlau, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Patrick White, and Don Willey.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Gordon King, John Stiffler, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the March 15, 2011 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Jeff Roorda from St. Louis Police Officer's Association, to the podium and gave him the oath of office to represent his local union as a delegate to the St. Louis Labor Council.

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: Machinist's District No. 9
Monday, April 11, 2011

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Robert Soutier on the rescheduled date of Monday, April 11, 2011, due to Right to Work meetings being held in Jefferson City on Thursday and Friday, April 14 & 15.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Dave Cook, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Earline Jones, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippetto, Mark Staffne, Joe Steiger, John Stiffler, Patrick White, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

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Excused and recorded as present: Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Nancy Cross, Pat Kellett, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Mike Mehringer, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Don Willey,

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Roz Sherman Voellinger United Way; and Karen Lyons, St. Louis Labor Council.

President Soutier asked Mark Woolbright, Vice President IAFF 2nd District to introduce his guests. John Hodge and Dan Prince of the New York City Fire Department spoke of the “Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation” in connection with the NYFD and the IAFF St. Louis Fire Departments. They are asking our support by attending a concert on Friday, May 27, 2011 at the Family Arena in St. Charles, featuring Gary Sinise & the Lt. Dan Band. They will be raising money to build a house for CPL Todd Nicely, USMC, a Missouri native and a quadruple amputee injured in Afghanistan.

President Soutier introduced Brad Katcher and Dane Waters, Director of Ballot Campaigns with the Humane Society of the United States. They asked for our support regarding a ballot measure which would need a ¾ vote by the legislature to change an amendment voted on and passed by the public. No action was taken by the Board.

Joe Steiger, FOP requested that Jeff Roorda, Business Mgr. St. Louis Police Officer’s Association take his place on the Executive Board. It was decided that would be beneficial to all parties concerned.

A long discussion ensued regarding Senate Bill 202, with everyone in agreement that we have to do something and not be so passive in the future, as some of our senators have suggested. There was a general consensus that we need to be more pro-active and get our members and the general public educated and more involved.

It was also discussed that we send a letter to President Hugh McVey, MO AFL-CIO requesting that Senate Bill 202 be recorded as a COPE vote.

President Soutier discussed the current situation in funding the Labor Council Pension Plan. This plan was originated several years ago and does not cover anyone currently working at the Council. The plan was never funded and it is now up to this administration to do so. This will involve a one-time assessment of \$1 per member and a .10 cent per capita increase beginning January of 2012. Soutier said that he is also looking into merging the plan in the future. Failure to do so will result in fines from E.R.I.S.A., and we will still have to pay.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to go forward with the assessment and the per capita tax increase.

Mike Goebel, Secretary-Treasurer Teamsters, Local #688 announced that Teamsters International President Jim Hoffa, Jr. would be at our state capitol in Jefferson City on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 to head a rally in support of the Missouri workers fight against anti-worker legislation.

Pat White, Business Rep USW-Gas Workers, Local #11-6 said that the Ethics Bill has been thrown out and that PAC to PAC contributions are once again valid.

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Dave Cook, President UFCW, Local #655 mentioned a member's only discount program that Local 655 has initiated and asked the Board if they would consider it to be a viable idea to do this for all Labor members.

President Soutier reminded the Board to encourage their members to attend the Robert O. Kortkamp Memorial Labor Mass on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Shrine of St. Joseph with a brunch following at Maggie O'Brien's.

President Soutier announced that he was presented a check for \$1,000 from the St. Louis Blues Hockey Organization for the \$5 for the Fight Fund. Soutier was presented the check at the April 1st Blues game. The money was generated from ticket sales from Union Members' Nights.

Soutier also gratefully acknowledged that the Teamster's Local #688 staff members donated \$1500 to the Five for the Fight at their last meeting.

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 spoke on the Ballot Strategy sessions he attended in Jefferson City last week.

Soutier reminded the delegates about the Right to Work meeting to be held Monday, April 25th at the Painter's Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Soutier thanked everyone who attended the rally in Kiener Plaza.

President Soutier reported that he, along with Dave Zimmermann, Nancy Cross, Tony Rippetto and Kevin McNatt met with leaders of the United Way to request help to stop anti-labor and anti-worker bills in the legislature.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 669.409 for March 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Chico Humes, President GCC/IBT, #6-505M reported on the Lobby Day by Teamsters in Jefferson City. General President James Hoffa walked the halls of the capital with members. 350 attended the Lobby Day. Humes urged more workers to stand up and make their voices heard.

Dave Meinell, President of the MO ARA advised the delegates of a rally on April 29, 2011 in Jefferson City.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 thanked all who helped on Proposition E. Cross asked for help with walks and phone banks.

Gus Frank, Letter Carriers spoke about the upcoming food drive to help area food banks.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Jeff Roorda, FOP informed the delegates about a compromise with the mayor on local control.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The community services' drawing was held. Bill Howell, IBEW, Local #1439 donated his \$68 winnings to the Five for the Fight Fund.

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

April 2011 Attendance

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

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
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

St. Louis Newspaper Guild No. 47/CWA 36047 – 353 Members
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
Tom Berger
Gregory Booth
Yvette Goods
Brian Lavac
Bernie Ryan
Tom Sansevere
No. 2 – 600 Members

No. 4 – 296 Members
Fran Dilliard
Michael Pendergast
No. 1439 – 593 Members
Mark Staffne
William Howle

No. 1455 – 650 Members

Elevator Constructors No. 3 - 352 Members

Operating Engineers No. 148 – 1,453 Members
Keith Linderer

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

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

Insulators and Allied Workers Local 1 – 369 Members
John Stiffler

Iron Workers Bridge and Structural Iron Workers No. 396 – 850 Members
Tom McNeil
Mike Butler
Don Robertson
Frank Winterer

Laborers International Union

No. 42 – 250 Members
No. 53 – 400 Members
No. 110 – 500 Members
 Don Willey
No. 660 – 225 Members
Letter Carriers Branch No. 343
 1400 Members
 Gus Frank
 Melvin McNair

Longshoremens
 No. 1652 – 20 Members

Machinists & Aerospace Workers
 Progressive Lodge No. 41
 697 Members

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
 167 Members
 Bob Meilink

Automotive Lodge No. 777
 1769 Members
 Calvin Davis
 Mike Hahn
 Michael Louis
 Dave Meinell
 Mike Musgrove
 Dennis Schleeper
 Terry Sutton

District 837 Lodge “A”
 1948 Members
 Sandra Henderson
 Kurt Manns
 Rich Peppers

District 837 Lodge “B”
 1465 Members
 Don Lummus

Production Workers Lodge 1345
 1455 Members
 Robert Soutier

Lodge No. 1745 – 303 Members

Musicians No. 2-197 -543 Members
 Gary Smith
 Jan Scott

Office and Professional Employees
 No. 13 – 329 Members
 No. 277 – 10 Members

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters
 No. 562 -- 1000 Members
 Patrick Kellett
 Brian Chumley

Sprinkler Fitters No. 268
 350 Members

Police Officers
 St. Louis Police Officers Assoc.
 FOP #68
 Joe Steiger
 Martin Garcia
 Michael Kegel
 Jeff Roorda

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

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Institutional and Public Employees No. 410 – 150 Members
 Erv Hupp
 Kris Mueller

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

Sheet Metal Workers No. 36 – 1,731 Members
 David Zimmermann
 Joseph Feldman
 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
 Judy Eggers
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
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
Transit Union
No. 788 – 1,220 Members
 Charles McNeil
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
 David Cook
 Michael Kelley

**COUNCILS, DISTRICTS,
 JOINT BOARDS**

Building and Construction Trades Council
 Jeff Aboussie
 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
 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
 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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