

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**August 16, 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, August 16, 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, Charles McNeil, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Patrick White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

**Excused and Recorded as Present:** Gordon King, Joseph Schonlau and John Stiffler.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the July 19, 2011 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

President Soutier called for a special order of business and the United Way video was shown. Roz Sherman Voellinger spoke regarding the video and advised the delegates about the upcoming United Way Kick-Off Trap Shoot and BBQ on Friday, September 23, 2011. The trap shoot will begin at 8:00 a.m. and go until noon at the Winchester Trap and Skeet Facility in East Alton, IL. The BBQ will follow at the Machinists Hall at 161 North Shamrock.

**AFFILIATIONS**

**SEATING OF DELEGATES**

**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  
Thursday, August 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 Thursday, August 11, 2011.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda, Joseph Schonlau, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Patrick White and Don Willey.

**Excused and recorded as present:** Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Charles McNeil, Tom McNeil, Mike Mehringer, Gary Reay, Gary Smith, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann,

Also present were Matt Honerkamp, St. Louis Rams; Judge Glenn Norton, Missouri Court of Appeals; Roz Sherman Voellinger and Marcia Cline, United Way; and Sylvester Bolden, volunteer with the St. Louis Labor Day Parade.

President Soutier introduced Matt Honerkamp from the St. Louis Rams, who gave a presentation about Ram's football along with ticket opportunities.

Judge Glenn Norton spoke to the Board about the opening on the Missouri Supreme Court and asked for our support. A motion was made, seconded and passed to endorse and to have President Soutier send a letter of support to Governor Jay Nixon.

The Board heard a presentation on "Labor In The Pulpits" and a subcommittee was formed to be made up of: Don Willey, Laborers, Jeff Roorda, FOP and Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune, to meet with various groups of clergy and find ways that labor can work with them on a mutual agenda.

President Soutier reminded the Board about the voter registration drive that the MO AFL-CIO is conducting.

A discussion about early endorsements for candidates resulted in the Board voting not to endorse candidates prior to the end of the 2012 legislative session.

The Board reviewed the proposed parade lineup map and approved it for 2011. The new lineup will allow those in the back of the parade route to move up and have better participation.

President Soutier reminded the Board about the marshals' meeting prior to the next council meeting in August at 6:00 p.m.

Earline Jones, CWA Local #6300, spoke about the Alliance for Retired Americans' Town Hall meeting and invited board members to attend.

Dave Cook, UFCW Local #655, spoke to the members of the board about the need for political leaders to stand up with Labor or not get our support. Brother Cook stated that he is tired of having to beg leaders for support after they take our contributions and pledge themselves to support workers.

Marcia Cline, United Way, spoke about the United Way Kick-Off Trap Shoot and BBQ on Friday, September 23, 2011, which will begin at 8:00 a.m. and go until noon at the Winchester Trap and Skeet Facility in East Alton, IL. The BBQ will follow at the Machinists Hall at 161 North Shamrock.

President Soutier reminded the Board that we will have elections for all offices this year and a notice will be in the Labor Tribune starting in September 2011.

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 about the Labor Day Parade and this year's theme, "We Are One!" He reminded everyone of the 8:30 a.m. start time this year. He also said that more volunteer marshals were needed to help with the parade.

President Soutier thanked the Teamsters for the event they had celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Joint Council at the Local 688 camp in Pevely.

President Soutier reminded the delegates that as stated in the August Executive Board report, 2011 is an election year for all Labor Council officers and positions.

President Soutier spoke about the call by some for less government and that it just means fewer public employees and more contracts that those in government can give out to their friends for profit.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 676.162 for June 2011.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nancy Cross, SEIU #1 Missouri Division, spoke regarding "Labor in the Pulpits".

Chico Humes, GCU/IBT #6-505M, thanked the United Way Labor Reps for all the help they give union members. He also thanked Dave Meinell, President of MO Alliance for Retired Americans, and Amy Phillips, Missouri AFL-CIO Dislocated Worker Program.

Barry Linan, Letter Carriers Branch 343, spoke about the problems his union is having. He stated that there is no need to cut service as planned.

Dave Meinell, Machinists #777 and MO-ARA, asked all delegates to participate in getting a group picture taken at the Soldiers' Memorial at 8:00 a.m. on Labor Day.

Yvette Goods, IBEW #1, spoke on Labor issues and a fundraiser being planned by CLUW.

Fred Wolfmeyer, American Postal Workers, St. Louis Gateway Area, spoke on postal issues and the cuts planned.

Austin Perry, IBEW #1439, advised the delegates about the Franklin County Democratic Club fundraiser.

John Ebeling, CWA #6300, spoke about the Verizon cellular problems and gave an update.

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Pamela Stepney, Letter Carriers #343, spoke about union printers.

President Soutier congratulated the new slate of IBEW #1 officers and thanked IBEW #1 President and Labor Council Vice President Tom George for his union's support of the Labor Council and for the use of the hall for its meetings.

**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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert A. Soutier".

Robert A. Soutier, President

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**August 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  
Matt Gober  
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  
Russell McCreary

**No. 1455** – 650 Members  
**Elevator Constructors**

**No. 3** - 352 Members

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

**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

**Insulators and Allied Workers Local 1** – 369 Members  
John Stiffler

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

**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  
Mike Chenot  
Gus Frank  
Melvin McNair  
Pamela Stepney  
**Longshoremen**  
**No. 1652** – 20 Members  
**Machinists & Aerospace Workers**  
**Progressive Lodge No. 41**  
697 Members  
Richard Feldhaus  
Michael Ribbert  
Larry Williams  
**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**  
167 Members  
Bob Meilink  
**Automotive Lodge No. 777**  
1769 Members  
Dave Meinell  
Joe Moran  
Dennis Schleeper  
Terry Sutton  
Ron Wolff  
**District 837 Lodge “A”**  
1948 Members  
Sandra Henderson  
Kurt Manns  
Steve Newell  
**District 837 Lodge “B”**  
1465 Members  
Bert Atkins  
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**  
**Postal Workers Union**  
**St. Louis Gateway Area Local 8**  
1950 Members  
Fred Wolfmeyer  
**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  
**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  
Joseph Feldman  
**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  
Jim Hamilton

**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  
Dave Lalumondier

**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

Harriett Weaver

### **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

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

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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