

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
January 18, 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, January 18, 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, Donald Giljum, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Nancy Cross, Jim Dougherty, Tony Ellebracht, Tom George, Michael Goebel, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Gordon King, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Joseph Schonlau, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Joe Steiger, Vincent Todt, Patrick White and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the December 16, 2010 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

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, January 13, 2011

The January 2011 meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Robert Soutier.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Don Giljum, Jeff Aboussie, Gary Otten for Joseph Barrett, Jim Dougherty, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Joe Steiger, John Stiffler, Vincent Todt, and Patrick White.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Mike Mehringer for Tony Ellebracht, Chico Humes, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Perri Pryor, Gary Reay, Joe Schonlau, Mark Staffne, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

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

As first order of business, President Soutier swore in Jeff Aboussie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Building and Construction Trades Council as a Vice President to the Executive Board of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Jeff was welcomed to the group by a round of applause.

Marcia Cline gave a 2010 year-end summary and report of the \$5 for the Fight Fund. During 2010, the Fund paid out \$124,449, helping 329 union families. She and Roz Sherman Voellinger spoke about the Fund and the good it is doing in helping these out of work members. A motion was made, seconded and approved to keep the Fund alive so that the labor community may continue to help their members during these hard economic times.

President Soutier reminded the Board of the re-scheduling of the Right to Work meetings. These will now be held on a monthly basis beginning on Monday, January 24th. They will be held on the last Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Painters District Council #2 Hall, located at 2501 59th Street, St. Louis 63138. Hugh McVey, President MO AFL-CIO will be in attendance on Monday the 24th to give a legislation update.

Don Giljum, Business Manager, Operating Engineers, Local #148 will retire as of May 1, 2011. As of February 1, 2011, Keith Linderer will be Acting Business Manager. He will also replace Don on our Board.

President Soutier remarked that since Tony Ellebracht is no longer with Communication Workers, Local #6300, he will be replaced on the Board by Mike Mehringer.

Tom George, President IBEW, Local #1 requested to make an early endorsement of Bill Waterhouse (incumbent) to the St. Louis City Board of Alderman Ward #24. A motion was made, seconded and approved to make this endorsement.

Ed Finkelstein asked for support for Utility Workers, Local #335 with American Water Company.

Earline Jones asked anyone living in St. Louis County to fill out a nomination form for her to be on the St. Louis University of Missouri Extension Council.

Ed, Roz, Marcia and Karen were all asked to leave the room for an Executive Session part of the meeting.

After a brief period, Karen Lyons was asked to return to continue the minutes.

President Soutier announced that at the recommendation of the Compensation Board, comprised of John Ebeling and Nancy Cross, the Board had agreed to a 2.5% increase on base salaries for both Karen Lyons and Kate Souders with a \$5,000 bonus to Karen Lyons for her duties as Assistant to the President.

Let the record show also, that Robert Soutier, President of the Council will not take an increase in salary for 2011.

Continuing with the closed session, the funding issues of the Defined Benefit Plan were discussed. In 1968, the Labor Council adopted a defined benefit pension plan for the employees of the Council. Currently, there are five retirees receiving benefits and two terminated vested participants who are entitled to a benefit in the future. For your information, the Plan's future benefit accrual was frozen in 2001. None of the current employees of the Council (including myself) have ever participated in this Pension Plan. This plan has experienced funding issues that leave us no alternative but to assess a one-time per capita fee of \$1.20 per member to offset the cost.

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 Soutier mentioned again that Mike Mehringer, Communication Workers, Local #6300 will be replacing Tony Ellebracht as a vice president of the St. Louis Labor Council Board. He also announced that Don Giljum, Operating Engineers, Local #148 will retire as of May 1, 2011 and will be replaced on our Board by Keith Linderer.

It was noted that the Executive Board minutes should be corrected to read that Bill Waterhouse is St. Louis City Alderman of Ward #24 and not #4 as printed in the minutes. That correction has been made.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier noted that the Right to Work meetings have been changed to the 4th Monday of every month, beginning with Monday, January 24th at 9:00 a.m. at the Painters' Hall.

Soutier said that he felt that they have done a good job in convincing area business leaders that Right to Work kills jobs. He said that in working with the unions of Missouri, doing their research and looking at the statistics, they have proven to area businesses that Right to Work states do not do well overall.

President Soutier informed the delegates that the \$5 for the Fight effort will continue helping our out of work union members in 2011. He said that Ed Finkelstein will run new solicitations in the Labor Tribune, and he thanked everyone for their generosity and asked for continued support in the upcoming year. Soutier also thanked Marcia and Roz of the United Way and Karen and Kate of the Labor Council for all of their hard work in keeping the \$5 for the Fight program running.

COPE REPORT

President Soutier asked for a motion for an early endorsement for Bill Waterhouse (Incumbent) as St. Louis City Alderman 24th Ward. A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 656.563 for December 2010.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Awards were awarded last night (Jan. 17, 2011) to Gerald Feldhaus, Ex Sec-Treas of the St. Louis Building and Construction Trades Council (Retired), Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1, and Don Giljum, Business Manager of Operating Engineers, Local #148.

Marcia Cline, United Way reminded the delegates of the free electronic tax preparation offered and encouraged everyone to take advantage of this offer. She had a flyer available at the entrance of the room listing the free tax preparation sites by zip code.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 commented on the Defense Department budget and a breakfast on February 12th at 9:30 a.m. at Delmonico's, which is one block east of Kingshighway.

Tom Schneider, Utility Workers, Local #335 spoke regarding the American Water Company issues and problems. He asked for our support and suggested paying your bill .02 short which will hold up their billing process.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The community services' drawing was held. Marcia Cline won the drawing, donating her winnings back to the \$5 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

January 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
James Metz

St. Louis Newspaper Guild No. 47/CWA 36047 – 353 Members

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
Greg Booth
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
Brian Lavac
Bernie Ryan
Bill Waterhouse
No. 2 – 600 Members

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

No. 1455 – 650 Members
Elevator Constructors

No. 3 - 352 Members
Vince Todt

Operating Engineers No. 148 – 1,453 Members
Don Giljum
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
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
William Brennell
Mike Butler
Don Robertson
William Trendley
Frank Winterer

Laborers International Union

No. 42 – 250 Members
No. 53 – 400 Members
No. 110 – 500 Members
No. 660 – 225 Members

Perri Pryor

Letter Carriers Branch No. 343

1400 Members

Mike Chenot
Gus Frank
Keith Gentry
Melvin McNair
Pamela Stepney

Longshoremen

No. 1652 – 20 Members

Machinists & Aerospace Workers

Progressive Lodge No. 41

697 Members

Stephen Branson
Richard Feldhaus
Michael Ribbert
Larry Williams

Tool and Die Lodge No. 688

167 Members

Robert Meilink
Al Mieger

Automotive Lodge No. 777

1769 Members

Mark Conner
Calvin Davis
Mike Louis
Dave Meinell
Joe Moran
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”

1948 Members

Chuck Hendricks
Kurt Manns
Rich Peppers
Michael Smith

District 837 Lodge “B”

1465 Members

Don Lummus

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

Paul Winslow

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters

No. 562 -- 1000 Members

Patrick Kellett
Brian Chumley
Mike Grady

Sprinkler Fitters No. 268

350 Members

Police Officers

St. Louis Police Officers Assoc.

FOP #68

Michael Kegel

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

Daniel Dyer
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
Marcia Cline

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
 Rod Herrmann

U.S.W., No. 11-152 – 45 Members

U.S.W., No. 11-194 – 251 Members
 Judy Eggers
 Paul Presson

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
 Donald Leisman

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
 John Becker
 Pat Raftery

Transit Union
No. 788 – 1,220 Members

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
 Merri Berry
 Randy Charboneau
 Michael Kelley
 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
Gary Otten
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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