

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**June 21, 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, June 21, 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, Gary Otten for Joseph Barrett, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Michael Goebel, Earline Jones, Patrick Kellett, Kevin McNatt, Charles McNeil, Tom McNeil, Jr., Gary Reay, Tony Rippeto, Jeff Roorda, Joseph Schonlau, Gary Smith, Patrick White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

**Excused and Recorded as Present:** Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Mike Mehringer, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the May 17, 2011 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

President Soutier introduced Missouri AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer Herb Johnson for a legislative update on the 2011 session. Johnson thanked all the labor union members who came to Jefferson City for lobbying this year. Herb Johnson said that this was very helpful.

**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, June 16, 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, June 16, 2011.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Gary Otten for Joseph Barrett, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Earline Jones, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Charles McNeil, John Stiffler, Patrick White, Jen Stuhlman for Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

**Excused and recorded as present:** Mary Armstrong, Dave Cook, Mike Goebel, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Mike Mehringer, Gary Reay, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda, Joe Schonlau, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne and Don Willey,

Also present were Suzy Morris and Bill Esterline of Pulaski Bank; Roz Sherman Voellinger and Marcia Cline, United Way; and Karen Lyons, St. Louis Labor Council.

President Soutier introduced Suzy Morris and Bill Esterline of Pulaski Bank to the Board. They each gave a short presentation regarding a program they provide for union members. They handed out some literature explaining their services and educational programs, and offered to come to each union and put on a seminar to educate members on their services, including information from buying a home to understanding check systems. They also offered to do one-on-one counseling.

It was suggested that several banks in the area are not union-friendly and that they should be listed in the Labor Tribune. Pulaski Bank however, has always been union-friendly and more than helpful in working with the unions and its members.

Charles McNeil, President Amalgamated Transit Union, Local #788 was given the oath to be seated as a member of the Labor Council Executive Board.

President Soutier spoke briefly about the struggles they are having with the Carpenters Union and Terry Nelson in particular after signing a Labor Agreement in conjunction with the construction of a new fire house in Pattonville.

President Soutier announced a recommendation for endorsement from North County Labor Club for a special election to be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Florissant City Council Ward #3  
Florissant City Council Ward #6

Joe Eagan  
Pat Stinnett

A motion to approve was made. A motion was made to amend and put the subject to discussion. It was suggested to leave the Ward #3 seat OPEN. The motion to amend was put to a vote and failed. The motion to approve the recommendations was passed.

A discussion about the Labor Day Parade followed. It was discussed that we have formed committees to help with the organization of this year's parade. The applications for the 2011 parade have been mailed out with a few changes from last year. The parade will begin at 8:30 a.m. instead of the usual 9:00 a.m. start. We are trying to secure food and beverages to be given out and also musical entertainment; all in an effort to draw bigger crowds and keep people downtown for a little longer, thereby continuing our show of solidarity from the March rally which was held in Kiener Plaza. We have a banner committee, to acquire a large banner to be held behind the Grand Marshal's car which would say "WE ARE ONE" and be held by different union members, all in there "work" attire, i.e. a nurse, fireman, policeman, laborer, etc. to display our unity. We are still trying to acquire Cpl Todd Nicely to be our Grand Marshal.

President Soutier reminded the Board that the July Executive Board meeting has been cancelled.

Soutier announced that Bill Otto is running for MO State Representative and will be having a kick-off fundraiser on July 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Rookies Bar & Grill in St. Charles.

Marcia Cline spoke about the 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. They encouraged everyone to attend, as this is not only a worthy cause, but also an extremely fun day!

Marcia also said that they are looking for sponsors for this event.

Roz Sherman-Voellinger spoke about the LERA Breakfast Meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Genesis Banquet Center on Telegraph Road. This meeting's topic is "Fueling the Economy: The Role of Transportation in Economic Development."

Nancy Cross informed the Board that "EMILY's List" (a political donor network and political resource for pro-choice Democratic women candidates), together with Molli's List will be offering candidate training On Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> in St. Louis and Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Kansas City. To attend, you must RSVP at [www.emilyslist.org](http://www.emilyslist.org). A logistics email will follow your registration.

John Ebeling suggested that everyone get started on ordering their t-shirts for the Labor Day parade, as union-made t-shirts may become hard to find as time goes on.

Dave Zimmermann commented on the concert which was held for Todd Nicely at the St. Charles Family Arena, saying it was a wonderful event and a great success. He commended everyone for putting it together. Sheet Metal 36 will be donating all of the heating and cooling work for the smart-house to be built for Nicely and IBEW will be donating the electrical work.

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 reported that he attended the United Food and Commercial Workers Local No. 655 Shop Stewards' training seminar and he praised the union leadership for their effort to educate the members.

President Soutier advised the delegates that Executive Assistant Karen Lyons has had cancer surgery and will be out of the office for an extended period of time. Soutier stated that administrative assistant Kate Souders will be in the office and both he and Kate will try to fill in for Karen during her absence. He advised that due to this the office hours would be changed for the summer from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday while Kate can be there to answer the phones. President Soutier advised that he would be in the office all other hours, schedule permitting, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to answer phones and deal with day-

to-day business. The answering machine will direct calls to his cell phone when the office is closed. Soutier indicated that would allow business to be conducted until Karen returns.

President Soutier reported that he has been attending the Unity Table Meetings statewide.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 677.887 for May 2011.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Ed Finkelstien, Labor Tribune, announced the winners of the Boys' Club raffle.

Gus Frank, Letter Carriers #343, thanked the delegates that donated for the Letter Carriers Food Drive.

Pam Stepney, Letter Carriers #343, thanked the Council for the list of union printers.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING**

The community services' drawing was held. Dennis Clancy donated \$32.00 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

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## **June 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  
Bernie Ryan  
Tom Sansevere

**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

**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  
Bill Brennell  
Mike Butler  
Don Robertson  
Bill Trendley  
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  
    Pamela Stepney  
**Longshoremen**  
    **No. 1652** – 20 Members  
**Machinists & Aerospace Workers**  
    **Progressive Lodge No. 41**  
    697 Members  
    Stephen Branson  
    Michael Diefenbach  
    Richard Feldhaus  
    Michael Ribbert  
    Larry Williams  
**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**  
    167 Members  
    Bob Meilink  
**Automotive Lodge No. 777**  
    1769 Members  
    Mark Conner  
    Dave Meinell  
    Dennis Schleeper  
    Terry Sutton  
    Ron Wolff  
**District 837 Lodge “A”**  
    1948 Members  
    Sandra Henderson  
    Chuck Hendricks  
    Kurt Manns  
    Rich Peppers  
**District 837 Lodge “B”**  
    1465 Members  
    Bert Atkins  
    Don Lummus  
**Production Workers Lodge 1345**  
    1455 Members  
    Robert Soutier  
    Marvin Gray  
**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  
    Paul Winslow  
**Plumbers and Pipe Fitters**  
    **No. 562** -- 1000 Members  
    Patrick Kellett  
**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  
    **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  
    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**

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

**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

**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

Eric Davis

Levi Eddins III

Michael Kelley

Nancy Parker

Nikki Rich

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

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  
Laura Moore  
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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