

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
March 15, 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, March 15, 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, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, Gary Reay, Tony Rippeto, Mark Staffne, Joe Steiger, Patrick White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Joseph Schonlau, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the February 15, 2011 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, March 10, 2011

The March 10, 2011 meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Robert Soutier.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Gary Otten for Joseph Barrett, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Earline Jones, Pat Kellett, Keith Linderer, Mike Mehringer, Tony Rippeto, Joe Schonlau, Mark Staffne, Joe Steiger, John Stiffler, Patrick White, Don Willey, and David Zimmermann.

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Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Mike Goebel, Gordon King, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Gary Reay, Gary Smith, Mark Woolbright

Also present were Chad Young, Regional Director of UFCW, Local 655 International, Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Marcia Cline, and Roz Sherman Voellinger United Way; and Karen Lyons, St. Louis Labor Council.

President Soutier asked Dave Cook to introduce Mr. Young to the Board. The Board members in turn introduced themselves and named the union they represented. Mr. Young thanked the Board for inviting him to attend.

President Soutier called new members Dave Cook from UFCW, Local #655 and Don Willey from Laborers', Local #110 to the front of the room and administered the oath of office to each. Both new members were welcomed with a round of applause.

Soutier announced that there would be a rally on "Corporate Greed" on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at Kiener Plaza. He encouraged all unions, members, and friends and family members to attend.

President Soutier commended Nancy Cross on putting so much work into getting this rally organized and commented that from what he has heard the turnout should be exceptional.

Soutier announced there would be a state-wide Right to Work meeting in Jefferson City on March 30, 2011 that he would be attending.

Soutier also announced that a new AFGE group would like to join the Council and should have their paperwork in by the next meeting. In the meantime they will be having a rally at the airport on March 17th.

It was commented that is an unfortunate time for us to be able to show support, since a great number of union members will be involved in the St. Patrick's Day parade on that day. It was also said that that would be an excellent time to hand out information on the Right-to-Work (For Less) issue.

Joe Steiger of the FOP said that his union is involved in the Parade and would be happy to let any union member walk with them and hand out the information.

President Soutier informed the Board of a new bank account, called Priority One, which will be used for costs to run the RTW campaign. Soutier handed out a sample letter to be used to explain the account and raise funds for the campaign. He explained that this is a non-interest bearing account that will be used solely for the Right to Work defense fund on a statewide basis.

A discussion followed in which everyone was in agreement that all unions must be on the same track by the March 30, 2011 statewide meeting. The monthly Right to Work meetings which are held in St. Louis are definitely helping to keep everyone engaged on the issue at hand. It was said that the members are hungry to move forward and are interested in bumper stickers, t-shirts, etc. with a logo to show their support. At the present time, the logo "We Are One" is what has come from the National organization.

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Earline Jones commented that CWA has initiated a rally on April 4th, the date that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. They are asking everyone to stand in solidarity with Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana and dozens of other states where politicians are trying to take away the rights Dr. King gave his life for.

The need to develop an agenda, an action plan, and to hire a PR firm for the RTW campaign were all discussed.

President Soutier informed the Board that he would be on KMOX Radio, on Friday, March 11th at 9:00 on the Charlie Brennon Show, going head-to-head with Mark Mix, President of the National RTW Legal Defense Foundation.

President Soutier spoke about a letter which he called the "proposed communication for local unions." It is a letter Soutier handed out to everyone marked "DRAFT" which explains RTW and is meant for each Board member to pass out to their union members.

Karen Lyons informed the Board that Archbishop Carlson would be officiating at this year's Labor Mass on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at the Shrine of St. Joseph. She reminded them that the mass is now known as the Robert O. Kortkamp Memorial Labor Mass and asked for a good attendance to the mass and the brunch which follows at Maggie O'Brien's Restaurant. All proceeds from the brunch go toward the restoration of St. Joseph's Shrine.

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 thanked everyone for attending the "Corporate Greed" Rally that was held on Friday, March 11th at Kiener Plaza. He said that there were over 4,300 people in attendance.

Soutier said that he was in the Senate when the Right to Work bill was brought to the floor. He said that we have several senators to thank for not letting the bill be voted on. Outside of Senator Tim Green-D and Senator Callahan-D, we have several republican senators who are on our side, such as Senator Mike Kehoe-R, Senator Jim Lembke-R and Senator Tom Dempsey-R.

Soutier suggested that we drop them a note of thanks for their support on this issue.

President Soutier mentioned that the slogan for Right to Work – “We Are One” would be our 2011 Labor Day Parade slogan.

Soutier announced that the FOP would be marching in the upcoming St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Dog Town and that anyone could march with them if they liked, but they would not be able to hand out any political literature as previously thought, due to parade rules and regulations.

President Soutier said that while at the Right to Work hearing, Senator Sylvester Taylor, State Rep from the 80th District was taken to the hospital with chest pains. Soutier said that he will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Soutier announced that we are truly grateful for the Laborer’s, Local #110 recent and substantial gift of \$5,000 to the \$5 for the Fight Fund.

President Soutier informed the delegates that he would be speaking at the “Truth About the Open Shop” Bill aka “Right to Work” for less on Saturday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the Machinists’ District #9 Hall.

He also announced the Union Counseling Courses sponsored by the Labor Council in conjunction with the United Way to be held on each Thursday evening in April from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the IBEW 1 Electrical Industry Training Center. Soutier said that these informational meetings would be free, but registration is required. Registration forms were available at the entrance of the room.

Soutier spoke about Proposition E (Earnings Tax) in the city of St. Louis and informed the delegates of the importance of voting “Yes” on Prop E on April 5th. He announced a rally in support of the Proposition on Sunday, April 3rd at 3:00 p.m. at the World’s Fair Pavilion in Forest Park.

COPE REPORT

President Soutier read the COPE recommendations from the March Executive Board meeting as follows:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve to vote “Yes” to Proposition “S”, an \$11 Million bond issue in Ferguson.

Motion from Executive Board was seconded and approved.

South County Labor Club COPE Recommendations:

Lindbergh School District

*Kathleen O. Kienstra
Vicki Lorenz Englund
Joseph Sartorius

Kirkwood School District

E.J. Millner
Heidi Meckes
*Scott Stream

Affton School District

*Thomas J. Bellavia
*Mike Alexander

Hancock School District

*Jean Parshall
Leslie Vineyard
Andrea Contello

Endorsement of Prop P – Building Issue

Mehlville School Board

Elaine Powers

Michael Doyel
Franchesca Gindler

Mehlville Fire Board

Mike Klund

Shrewsbury Ward 2

Greg Lauter

Crestwood – Mayor

Roy Robinson

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the South County recommendations.

Tri-County Labor Legislative Club Recommendations:

Wentzville School District Board of Directors
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City of St. Charles Municipal Judge
City of St. Charles Mayor
City of St. Charles Councilmember Ward 1
City of O’Fallon Councilman Ward 1
City of O’Fallon Councilman Ward 2
City of O’Fallon Council Ward 3 (2 year term)
Councilman Ward 3 (3 year term)
Councilman Ward 4
Councilman Ward 5
City of St. Peters Municipal Judge
City of St. Peters Alderman Ward 1
City of St. Peters Alderman Ward 2
City of St. Peters Alderman Ward 3
City of Cottleville Alderman Ward 1
City of Cottleville Alderman Ward 2
City of Wentzville Alderman Ward 1
City of Wentzville Alderman Ward 3
O’Fallon Fire Protection District #11 Board of Directors
Washington School District Board of Directors
Washington School District Board of Directors

Michael Cecil
Angela Mutert
Courtney Tieman
William T. Lohmar
Patti York
Kenny Biermann
Bill Gardner
Rose Mack
Richard Battelle
John J. Haman, Jr.
Bob Howell
Mike Phene
Donald Kohl
John Scherr
Judy Bateman
Gus Elliott
Jim Hennessey
Robert T. Ronkoski
Cheryl Kross
Nickolas (Nick) Guccione
William (Bill) Laughlin
Scott A. Byrne
Guy W. Midkiff

Francis Howell School District Board of Directors
Francis Howell School District Board of Directors
Orchard Farms School District Board of Directors
City of St. Peters Alderman Ward 4

Eric Seider
Gary Miller
Casey Otto
John A. Durajczyk

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Tri County recommendations.

Jefferson County Labor/Political Committee's Recommendations:

City of Arnold

Councilman Ward 1 Randy Crisier
Councilman Ward 2 William A. (Bill) Moritz
Councilman Ward 3 Robert D. (Bob) Lindsley
Councilwomen Ward 4 Sandra Hemenway Kownacki

City of Hillsboro

Mayor Frank A. Roland Jr.

City of De Soto

Councilman Rick Lane
Councilman Werner C. Stichling

City of Pevely

Mayor John Knobloch
Alderman Ward 1 Glenn (Ed) Ziegelmeyer

Jefferson County Health Center Trustees

John Scullin
Timothy J. Pigg
Pat Schwalbe

Big River Ambulance Directors

Janet M. Taylor
Josh Williams *

Joachim Platin Ambulance Directors

David McFarland
George (Bob) Engelbach

Rock Township Ambulance Directors

Dan Meyer
Dean Meenach

Valle Ambulance Directors

Tammie Scullin
Steven Bergner

High Ridge Fire Protection District Director
Jack Walters

North Jefferson County Ambulance District
Ron Woehrie

School Boards:

Crystal City School Board Members

Tom Pillard
Linda K. Schilly

Windsor C-1 School Board Members

Dan Shaul
Scott Brothers
Jordan Mays

Fox C-6 School Board Members

Verron Sullivan
John Laughin

Hillsboro R-3 School Board Members

George (Bob) Engelbach

Northwest R-1 School Board Members

Nelson O. Weber
Retta (Susan) Tuggle
Sherri K. Talbott

Sunrise R-9 School Board Member

Neal Krodinger

City of Crystal City

Councilman Ward 1 - OPEN
Councilman Ward 2 - OPEN
Councilman Ward 3 - OPEN
Councilman Ward 4 - OPEN

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Jefferson County recommendations.

St. Louis City Labor Legislative Club:

President Board Aldermen
Alderman – Ward #2
Alderman – Ward #4
Alderman – Ward #6
Alderman – Ward #8
Alderman – Ward #10
Alderman – Ward #11
Alderman – Ward #12
Alderman – Ward #14

Lewis Reed*
Dionne Flowers*
Samuel L. Moore*
Kacie S. Triplett*
Stephen Conway*
Joseph P. Vollmer*
Tom Villa
Fred W. Heitert*
Carol D. Howard*

Alderman – Ward #16
Alderman – Ward #18
Alderman – Ward #20
Alderman – Ward #22
Alderman – Ward #24
Alderman – Ward #26
Alderman – Ward #28

Donna C. Baringer
Terry M. Kennedy*
Craig Schmidt
Jeffrey L. Boyd*
OPEN
Frank A. Williamson*
Lyda L. Krewson*

There was a motion from Tom George to leave Ward #24 open.

The motion was seconded and approved to accept the St. Louis City recommendations, leaving Ward #24 as OPEN.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 659.652 for January 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill Trendley, Ironworkers, Local #396 commented that unlike in 1978, we do not have enough union members this go-around to fight RTW and said that we all need to stick together on this issue, now more than ever.

NEW BUSINESS

Chico Humes, President GCC/IBT, #6-505M said that the rally on March 11th was well attended and thanked Cathy Sherwin, JWJ, Nancy Cross, Pat Kellett and the Pipefitters and all who had anything to do with the short, yet extremely effective planning of this event. He said a special thank you to Mayor Slay for his attendance and support.

Chico also announced that President Hoffa would be in Jefferson City on April 19th and invited everyone to attend.

Al Ratermann, Utility Workers, Local #335 spoke of the labor dispute they are having with American Water Company. He asked the delegates for any support they could give.

Dave Meinell, President MO ARA informed the delegates that Valley Ford is gone. He said they have been replaced by Bommarito, who has a contract with District 9.

Meinell also announced an ARA Celebration which will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd at the Machinists Hall regarding the Affordable Care Act beginning at 9:30 a.m. and asked for a strong retiree presence.

Cathy Sherwin and Lorna Kurdi of the AFL-CIO are targeting House Reps on RTW issues and are encouraging members to attend meetings; especially meetings with Reps from your District. Sign-up sheets for these meetings are at the entrance to the room.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Tom Sansevere, IBEW, Local #1 thanked the Council for their help with Prop S and announced a lit drop on Saturday, March 26th at 9:00 a.m. at the Shop & Save in Ferguson.

Yvette Good, IBEW, Local #1 thanked CBTU for the bus trip to Wisconsin and thanked Bob Soutier and Ed Finkelstein for their support on RTW.

Brian Chumley, Plumbers & Pipefitters, Local #562 asked us all to be sure to talk to our kids about the RTW issues that are in the news right now because it is history in the making and most of them are not learning about it in the schools.

Dennis Clancy, GCC/IBT, Local #38N suggested the delegates read the book "A Whole Different Ballgame" by Marvin Miller.

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

March 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
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
Bill Sullivan
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
Don Willey
No. 660 – 225 Members
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
Michael Diefenbach
Michael C. Ribbert
Larry Williams
Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
167 Members
Bob Meilink
Automotive Lodge No. 777
1769 Members
Mark Conner
Calvin Davis
Michael Louis
Dave Meinell
Dennis Schleeper
Ron Wolff
District 837 Lodge “A”
1948 Members
Sandra Henderson
Chuck Hendricks
Kurt Manns
Rich Peppers
District 837 Lodge “B”
1465 Members
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
Brian Chumley
Sprinkler Fitters No. 268
350 Members
Police Officers
St. Louis Police Officers Assoc.
FOP #68
Joe Steiger
Martin Garcia
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
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
 Kevin Whalen
**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
 Roland Lewis
 Pat Raftery

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
 Al Ratermann

**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
 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

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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