

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
September 20, 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, September 20, 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, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Charles McNeil, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, Gary Reay, Jeff Roorda, Joseph Schonlau, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Patrick White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Tony Rippetto, John Stiffler and David Zimmermann

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the August 16, 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 Karen Settlemoir-Berg and Rick Glidewell of UFCW, Local #655 and Travis Barnes of Iron Workers, Local #396 to the podium and gave them the oath of office to represent their local unions as delegates 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
Thursday, September 15, 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, September 15, 2011.

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Excused and recorded as present: Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Charles McNeil, Tom McNeil, Gary Reay, Jeff Roorda, Joseph Schonlau, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, Don Willey and David Zimmermann,

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune and Andrew Shaughnessy of PROMO and Karen Lyons, St. Louis Labor Council.

President Soutier began the meeting by handing over the floor to Kevin McNatt who introduced Andrew Shaughnessy of Promo.

Andrew asked the Council for support of Promo's objective to pass a non-discrimination ordinance in the St. Louis County Council, which would update the already existing protections guaranteed by the St. Louis County Human Rights statute to include sexual orientation and gender identity. This effort would lead up to extend non-discrimination protections on the State level by passing MONA (Missouri's Non-discrimination Act), which would update the Human Rights statute of Missouri to include these basic protections.

This issue was put on hold until next month's meeting, at which time a resolution will be drafted for the support of this cause.

Tom George, President of IBEW, Local #1 submitted early endorsements for the November 8 special election. The request for endorsement of Paul Woody, for State Rep MO House District #15 in St. Charles County and Jeff O'Connell for State Rep MO House District #83 in Overland was discussed. There was a motion to endorse Paul Woody. The motion was seconded and approved. It was decided to hold and discuss the endorsement of Jeff O'Connell at the next Delegate meeting on September 20, 2011.

Karen Lyons announced that the Visiting Nurses Association would come to the next Union Rep's Luncheon in October and provide flu shots for \$25 to anyone interested. There needs to be a 25-person limit for the VNA to provide this service and so we need to know ahead of time if anyone would be interested.

President Soutier informed the Board that Brent Cassity, owner of Forever Bellerive Cemetery is offering one free burial plot for each union member and a 20% discount to the union member or his or her family member with any other property, merchandise or services provided by Bellerive. This offer is valid for ANY union member or retired union member. You can contact Brent at Forever Bellerive Cemetery at Olive and Mason for more information.

Dave Cook, President UFCW, Local #655 suggested that we standardize a COPE questionnaire with 5 to 6 standard questions, and then each Labor Club could personalize the rest of the questionnaire to their specific needs. It was discussed that Bob Soutier, Nancy Cross and Dave Cook would meet to determine what the 5 to 6 standard questions should be.

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President Soutier announced that the Clyde C. Miller Career Academy is inviting unions to host one or more senior-level students for a ten week internship. These internships will be conducted January 9, 2012 thru April 2, 2012. Students will be expected to work at their host site 2 days per week for six and one-half hours each day. If you are interested in hosting a student, please contact the Council office for more information.

President Soutier notified the Board that elections are to be held at the December 20, 2011 delegate meeting. Nominations will be taken at the November 15, 2011 delegate meeting. Offices to be elected are President, First and Second Vice Presidents, 20 additional Vice Presidents, 5 Trustees and 2 Sergeant-at-Arms. Soutier said that the official notice of these elections has been posted in the Labor Tribune.

Soutier also announced that Dick Kellett, President of the North County Labor Club would like to endorse Kevin Kelly for Judge with the city of Florissant in the upcoming special election to be held on November 8, 2011. A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse Kevin Kelly.

President Soutier let the Board know of the upcoming fundraiser for Governor Nixon to be held at Sport's Café on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Sport's Café is located at 3579 Pennridge in Bridgeton (behind Bob Evan's in the old Ryan's Steakhouse building). Soutier asked for everyone to please come and bring a friend to support the Governor; bring a check made payable to "Jay Nixon for Missouri." The Governor will be attending between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. It was strongly suggested to make an effort to attend this important event!

It was noted by John Ebeling that Ed Finkelstein, and the Labor Tribune won three national awards for their publication. John also remarked that it was heartening to see that Ed publicly thanked each and every member of his staff for their outstanding contributions to this achievement.

In turn, Ed remarked that Kate Souders, of the St. Louis Labor Council also deserves recognition for her efforts on the Labor Day Parade. It was agreed that Kate went above and beyond the call of duty in organizing this year's Labor Day Parade in Karen's absence. She, along with Bob Soutier did an outstanding job in putting it all together.

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 advised the delegates that AFL-CIO Rep, Randy Kiser would be sending out information on a rally he is planning, that will highlight the need for good-paying jobs.

Soutier reported that the United Way Trap Shoot had reached its goal of \$20,000.

Soutier thanked all who helped out with this year's Labor Day Parade.

President Soutier announced to the delegates that this year is an election year for officers of the Council

Soutier gave a report on the health of his assistant, Karen Lyons.

Soutier spoke about a fundraiser for Governor Nixon that he is hosting, along with the building Trades and the Teamsters to be held at Sport's Café on Wednesday, September 21st from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

President Soutier requested a COPE endorsement for Paul Woody for State Rep in District 15 and Kevin Kelly for Judge in Florissant. A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse. Soutier also asked for the delegates' approval to allow the Executive Board to make an endorsement in the 84rd District, once a candidate is selected. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow the Board to endorse.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 676.762 for July 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Fred Wolfmeyer, Postal Workers reported on a rally to be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the main post office on Market Street in St. Louis. Fred asked all delegates to attend and help support the postal workers.

Kevin Holmes, Letter Carriers, also pleaded with the delegates to attend the rally. Holmes asked for letters to be sent to Congress on HR1351.

Sandra Henderson, Local #837A spoke about a dance to be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 and sponsored by the District's Human Rights Committee.

Roz Sherman Voellinger, United Way spoke about a LERA Conference on October 19, 2011 at IAM, District #9 Hall. She also advised the delegates about Rob Russell, the new Labor Education person at the University of Missouri.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 reminded the delegates that she still has raffle tickets available. Goods spoke about the upcoming conference featuring Arlene Holt Baker of the AFL-CIO, who will be awarding the Earnest and Lavern Calloway Award.

GOOD AND WELFARE

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". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Robert A. Soutier, President

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September 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
Mike Mehringer
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
Tony Pecinovsky
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
Yvette Goods
Brian Lavac
Bernie Ryan
No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 296 Members
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
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
Ken Truemper

Insulators and Allied Workers Local 1 – 369 Members
John Stiffler

Iron Workers Bridge and Structural Iron Workers No. 396 – 850 Members
Tom McNeil
Travis Barnes
Bill Brennell
Mike Butler
Don Robertson
William Trendly

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
 Barry Linan
 Melvin McNair
 Pamela Stepney
Longshoremen
 No. 1652 – 20 Members
Machinists & Aerospace Workers
 Progressive Lodge No. 41
 697 Members
 Michael Diefenbach
 Michael Ribbert
Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
 167 Members
 Bob Meilink
Automotive Lodge No. 777
 1769 Members
 Calvin Davis
 Dave Meinell
 Joe Moran
 Dennis Schleeper
 Terry Sutton
District 837 Lodge “A”
 1948 Members
 Sandra Henderson
 Steve Newell
District 837 Lodge “B”
 1465 Members
 Don Lummus
Production Workers Lodge 1345
 1455 Members
 Robert Soutier
 James Dees
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
 Jeff Roorda
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
 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
 Holly Sloan
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
 Roland Lewis
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
 Rick Glidewell
 Nancy Parker
 Nikki Rich
 Karen Settlemoir-Berg
 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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