

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**August 20, 2013**  
**I.B.E.W., Local #1 Hall**

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council was called to order by President Robert Soutier, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2013.

President Soutier led the delegates in the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance to our country's flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Michael Breihan, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, John Finder, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Earline Jones, Patrick Kammer, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, John O'Mara, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler Pat White, Don Willey, Mark Woolbright and Dave Zimmermann

**Excused and Recorded as Present:**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**AFFILIATIONS**

**SEATING OF DELEGATES**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the July 16, 2013 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

President Soutier quickly introduced Jonathan Hensley, Assistant Attorney General who said a few words about the Attorney General's office and what they do.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roz Sherman Voellinger of the United Way of Greater St. Louis spoke about the association of Labor and the United Way in the St. Louis area. Roz informed the delegates of the Trap Shoot and BBQ to kick off the upcoming 2013 Labor/United Way Campaign. The Trap Shoot will be at Winchester Trap & Skeet Facility on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. till noon with the BBQ following at the Machinists Hall in East Alton, Illinois.

Roz also spoke about the new E-card agreement with area Schnucks stores. All that is needed is a card from Schnucks, sign up by phone or computer and you'll start earning cash for the \$5 for the Fight program. Schnucks will donate so much to the fund every time you purchase groceries. Roz encouraged everyone to participate in this program to help our out of work brothers and sisters through a hard time.

Roz thanked everyone for their support.

The 2013 United Way Campaign video was shown to the delegates.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Soutier then called upon Vice President John Ebeling to read the August Executive Board report:

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Location: Machinists' District No. 9  
Monday, August 19, 2013

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order by President Robert Soutier at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19, 2013.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Michael Breihan, Dave Cook, Mike Goebel, Steve Hollis, Earline Jones, Pat Kammer, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Mark Staffne, Pat White, and Ernie Angelbeck for Dave Zimmermann.

**Excused and recorded as present:** Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, John Finder, Tom George, Tom McNeil Jr., Mike Mehringer, John O'Mara, Jeff Roorda, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Orvin Kimbrough, President and CEO of the United Way of Greater St. Louis; Roz Sherman Voellinger, and Amy Phillips, United Way; Mason Shandl of The St. Louis Rams; and Karen Lyons, Labor Council.

President Soutier introduced Mason Shandl with St. Louis Rams Association Discount Ticket Program who explained how the Rams are setting up a ticket sales program to help benefit the \$5 for the Fight fund. You will be able to save \$50 per package for the home opening game with a portion of ticket sales going directly to the \$5 for the Fight fund. They have a total of 600 tickets set aside for the Labor Appreciation Night. Please encourage your members to check out this program.

President Soutier presented Orvin Kimbrough, President and CEO of the United Way of Greater St. Louis. Each Board member introduced themselves to Mr. Kimbrough and he in turn spoke a little bit about himself and his desire to continue the hard work of former president and CEO, Gary Dollar. He said that it is of the utmost importance to him to continue and strengthen the relationship between the United Way and Labor and is looking forward to working with all of us in the Labor family.

Karen Lyons, said that an event coordinator from a "Jack in the Box" mobile truck unit contacted her about being in the Labor Day Parade. Jack in the Box, however, is on the "Do Not Patronize" list and therefore, will not be a part of the parade.

Karen also spoke a little bit about the need for help in the form of "Parade Marshalls" to assist with this year's parade and the need for more participation and committee's to help with next year's parade if we want the parade to be a bigger event, since next year, the city of St. Louis will be celebrating their 250<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and this would be an opportune time for the unions to showcase their contributions to the city of St. Louis.

Pat White, Business Rep with USW-Gas Workers, 11-6 informed the Board of a meeting he and John O'Mara, Business Manager, Sec/Treas. with the Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562 had with the owners of the St. Louis Ambush, the new soccer team to play at the Family Arena in St. Charles.

He told the Board that the Ambush is setting up special ticket sales to also contribute a "large" portion of the price of a ticket to be given to the \$5 for the Fight fund. Union night will be opening night, Friday, November 22, 2013 at the Family Arena. You can go to their website to purchase tickets. The Ambush is also letting the unions run information on their video screens regarding Right to Work issues or any other union issue. They

are also willing to let us set up tables for information regarding unions to be passed out. This is an extremely generous offer from The Ambush and we are hoping for a packed house on opening night to show our support!

A motion was made, seconded and approved to support this effort.

President Soutier addressed the Board with the issue of Reverend Rudy Pulito. It seems that in the past, Don Willey, Business Manager with Laborers, Local #110 had been financing Reverend Pulito to speak and spread the word to area religious leaders regarding labor issues such as "Right to Work". His program consists of informing religious leaders of the moral as well as the financial aspects of RTW coming to our state. And he is exceptionally effective at making his point with this particular group.

However; the Laborer's will not be able to "singularly" continue to do finance his efforts in the future and President Soutier was hoping that perhaps we could "collectively" help to continue to subsidize Reverend Pulito in his efforts.

While everyone agrees that Reverend Pulito is extremely pro-union, very well spoken and a true asset to Labor, it was agreed that they would like to have Reverend Pulito make a presentation, explain what he has done in the past and have a plan for where this program would be headed in the future to make sure that the messaging stays consistent.

It was decided to have a committee to interview Reverend Pulito on these issues. Volunteering to make up the committee were Jeff Aboussie, Ed Finkelstein, Pat White and Kevin McNatt.

President Soutier said that he had a call on Friday from Scott Ramshaw who was seeking a list of union shops from each union. It was said that the Union Label and Service Trades website has that information.

Dave Cook, President UFCW, Local #655 announced that there would be speakers' training sessions scheduled for this Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and again at 5:00 p.m. at Sheet Metal, Local #36 Hall and led by Sean Nicholson.

These classes are for anyone interested, and are primarily being set up to train persons to be able to speak effectively in front of a camera for upcoming RTW and other union issues.

Also, Dave Cook said that he will be inviting Republican State Representative Elaine Gannon from Festus, MO to come to the next Board meeting. He said that while Elaine is a Republican, she has a 100% labor vote to her credit and it would be in our best interests to meet her and get to know each other.

Dave also updated the Board on the Schnucks \$5 for the Fight cards. He said that Schnucks is handing them out sparingly until they can track how often they are being used.

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 August Executive Board report as read.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Soutier also spoke of his privilege of being on the Board of the United Way in St. Louis and all the wonderful work they do in our community

Soutier asked for volunteers to carry the sign which reads "St. Louis Unions...Protecting Working Families" at the head of the parade. We are looking for union people wearing their work attire depicting "union workers" to hold the sign and help lead off the parade.

President Soutier mentioned Randy Kiser and the CPAC rally and said that Randy would speak on that a little later.

Soutier also informed the delegates of the new St. Louis Ambush Soccer Team's program to also donate money to the \$5 for Fight program. A very large portion of ticket sales will go toward the \$5 for the Fight Fund to help our union members.

He encouraged everyone to check out their website and to purchase tickets to these games. It will not only be good family fun, but it will be helping out our members as well.

President Soutier also mentioned that The Ambush is being extremely generous in letting us set up informational tables in the building as well as allowing us to show some of our politically based agenda on their big screens, such as information regarding our RTW issues.

President Soutier announced that there would be no Labor/Faith breakfast this month.

President Soutier also mentioned that there are Jerry Tucker Conference and Tiger Trivia flyers located on the tables at the entrance of the room.

Soutier talked about this year's Labor Day Parade being one of our biggest yet and that he is excited to have a strong showing of union members taking part of this event and making our voices heard, especially since it is falling right before the veto session in Jefferson City.

President Soutier informed the delegates of Speakers Training Sessions to be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at the Sheet Metal, Local #36 Hall at 10:00 a.m. and again at 5:00 p.m.

## **COPE REPORT**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Soutier reported the BLS Price Index for June 2013 at 699.473.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Randy Kiser on behalf of the National AFL-CIO wanted to welcome back UFCW, Local #655.

Randy also spoke about the CPAC Convention in St. Charles set for September 28<sup>th</sup>, and a rally sponsored by ProVote and joining with MIRA (MO Immigrant & Refugee Advocates) assembling on Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> in St. Charles at the Courthouse at 5:00 p.m.

Yvette Goods informed the delegates of a Civil Rights March to be held next Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>

Steve Hollis, AFGE spoke about the Jerry Tucker Conference to be held from October 11 thru 13 at the University of MO – St. Louis Millennium Student Center.

Rob Russell spoke about the 2013 Labor Law Breakfast Series on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. located at IBEW Local 1439 Hall, 2121 59<sup>th</sup> Street.

Dave Meinell MO ARA, thanked everyone for their donations for the event they held on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ken Truemper spoke about the 2013 Tiger Trivia night to be held on Friday, October 11, 2013 at 6:00 at the Graphic Arts Banquet and Conference Center at 105 Progress Parkway, in Maryland Heights with proceeds going to the University of MO Extension.

Earline Jones, MO ARA thanked everyone for their support of the successful birthday party they held for Social Security and Medicare.

President Soutier mentioned the upcoming Tug-o-War to be held in Forest Park and urged unions to get their teams signed up for the event. Proceeds from this event will also go to the \$5 for the Fight Fund.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING**

The Community Service drawing was held and baseball tickets were given away.

### **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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## August 2013 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  
John Finder

**Chemical Workers Union No. 432** – 172 Members

**Communications Workers No. 6300** – 4248 Members  
Mike Mehringer  
Earline Jones  
Kara Hutchason

**Print & Media Sector John Ebeling**  
**No. 6350** – 209 Members  
**No. 6355** – 47 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  
Jennifer Bader  
Matt Gober  
Yvette Goods  
Bernie Ryan  
**No. 2** – 600 Members  
**No. 4** – 315 Members  
Michael Pendergast  
Kirk Woolsey  
**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  
**No. 513** – 500 Members  
Pat Kammer  
John Clark  
Steve Mooney

**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. 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  
Steve Hollis

**GCC/IBT International Union No. 38 N** – 100 Members  
**No. 6-505M** – 1240 Members  
Chico Humes  
Michael Congemi  
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

**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  
Pamela Stepney  
**Longshoremen**  
**No. 1652** – 20 Members  
**Machinists & Aerospace Workers**  
**Progressive Lodge No. 41**  
697 Members  
Stephen Branson  
Michael Ribbert  
Larry Williams  
**I.A.M.A.W. No. 387**  
854 Members  
Zach Frago  
Steve Gibson  
Chuck Hendricks  
Ruben Melton  
Larry Parker  
Rich Peppers  
**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**  
167 Members  
Bob Meilink  
**Automotive Lodge No. 777**  
1769 Members  
Tony Rippetto  
Calvin Davis  
David Meinell  
Joe Moran  
Mike Musgrove  
Dennis Schleeper  
Terry Sutton  
**District 837 Lodge “A”**  
1948 Members  
Robert Fritz  
Sandra Henderson  
Kurt Manns  
Steve Newell  
Clem Smith  
**District 837 Lodge “B”**  
1465 Members  
Bert Atkins  
**Production Workers Lodge 1345**  
1455 Members  
Robert Soutier  
Roger Cadwallader

**Lodge No. 1745** – 303 Members  
**Musicians No. 2-197** -543 Members  
Gary Smith  
Randall Holmes  
**Office and Professional Employees**  
**No. 13** – 329 Members  
**No. 277** – 10 Members  
**Plumbers and Pipe Fitters**  
**No. 562** -- 1000 Members  
John O’Mara  
Brian Chumley  
Mike Grady  
**Sprinkler Fitters No. 268**  
350 Members  
**Police Officers**  
**St. Louis Police Officers Assoc.**  
**FOP #68** – 1138 Members  
Jeff Roorda  
**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  
Ervin 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  
Michael Murphy  
**Healthcare Missouri**  
– 700 Members  
**Sheet Metal Workers**  
**No. 36** – 1,731 Members  
David Zimmermann  
Ted Ramsdell  
**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

Joe Rudd

Kevin Whalen

**Projectionists, Audio Visual  
Engineers & Computer  
Technicians**

**No. 143** – 35 Members

Gordon Hayman

**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

**U.S.W., No. 169G** –

**U.S.W., No. 884** – 87 Members

**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

Dave Lalumondier

**Transit Union**

**No. 788** – 1,220 Members

Michael Breihan

**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

Karen Settlemoir-Berg

Eric Davis

Levi Eddins III

**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  
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  
Lew Moye  
A. Philip Randolph Institute,  
St. Louis Chapter (APRI)  
Coalition of Labor Union Women  
Sonja Gholston Byrd