

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
July 16, 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, July 16, 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, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Michael Breihan, John Finder, Mike Goebel, Earline Jones, Patrick Kammer, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, John O'Mara, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Pat White, Don Willey, Mark Woolbright and Dave Zimmermann

Excused and Recorded as Present: Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Chico Humes, Jeff Roorda and John Stiffler.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held for Jim Bagwell, retired IAM District #9 member.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Floyd L. Bell Jr, CWA, Local #6300; Steve Hollis, AFGE, Local #3354 and Roger Cadwallader, IAM, Local #1345 to the podium and gave them the oath of office to represent their local unions as delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the June 18, 2013 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The 2013 Labor Day Parade Line-up drawing was held. Following are the lineup positions according to the drawing:

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| 1. (With a 125 year anniversary) Machinists | 15. Unite Here, Local #74 |
| 2. IBEW Locals | 16. SEIU, #1 & SEIU Healthcare |
| 3. Teamsters | 17. Cement Masons, Local #527 |
| 4. AFT, Local #42 & Retirees | 18. Glaziers, Local #513 |
| 5. Roofers, Local #2 | 19. Firefighters, Local #2665 & West CO EMS |
| 6. CWA Locals & Retirees | 20. Elevator Constructors, #3 |
| 7. Operating Engineers, Local #513 | 21. St. Louis Police Officers Association |
| 8. Painters District Council #2 | 22. Laborer's Locals |
| 9. Letter Carriers #343 & Postal Workers #8 | 23. Amalgamated Transit, Local #788 |
| 10. Iron Workers, Local #396 | 24. Gas Workers, #11-6 |
| 11. Insulators #1, Bricklayers #1 & Fitters #268 | 25. St. Louis Organizing Committee |
| 12. Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562 | 26. Coalition of Black Trade Unionists |
| 13. UFCW, Local #655 | 27. UAW 282 & 2250 |
| 14. Stagehands, Local #6 | 28. Sheet Metal Workers, Local #36 |

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Location: Machinists' District No. 9
Monday, July 15, 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, July 15, 2013.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, John Finder, Mike Goebel, Steve Hollis, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, John O'Mara, Gary Otten, Tony Rippeto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Pat White, Clint McBride for Don Willey, Mark Woolbright and Ernie Angelbeck for Dave Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Michael Breihan, Tom George, Chico Humes, Pat Kammer, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Tom McNeil Jr., Mike Mehringer, Jeff Roorda and John Stiffler.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Roz Sherman Voellinger, United Way; Cathy Sherwin, AFL-CIO and Karen Lyons, Labor Council.

President Soutier asked Roz Sherman Voellinger to give her report on the United Way Trap Shoot and the \$5 for the Fight.

Roz explained that the September 13, 2013 Trap Shoot to be held at the Winchester Trap & Skeet Facility in East Alton, IL will be the 6th annual affair. The trap shoot is Missouri and Illinois Labor's effort toward the annual United Way kickoff fundraising campaign with a goal of \$25,000. Roz urged everyone's participation.

Roz also spoke about an "Employee Coordinator Campaign" which will be a half day event scheduled for July 18, 23, and 24 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at Maritz in Fenton at Bowles and Hwy 44. She asked for participants to attend these informational meetings.

Roz then gave an update on the \$5 for the Fight campaign showing how many members have been helped by this campaign since January 1, 2013. The list is substantial at 172 members and \$34,753.

Dave Cook, President UFCW, Local 655 reported that he and Jeff Aboussie at the Trades Council are working on perhaps doing a "gate drive" at worksites asking for donations to the \$5 for the Fight. Dave also spoke about Schnuck's effort to register union members for cards to be used when making purchases from Schnuck's whereby a portion of what is spent will be donated to the \$5 for the Fight Fund. They are trying to get this campaign rolled out by Labor Day of this year.

President Soutier also said that he had met with members of the "Ambush" soccer team that play at the Family Arena in St. Charles and they had expressed an interest in doing much the same thing by way of a portion of ticket sales going to the \$5 for the Fight Fund.

Pat White, Business Rep with USW-Gas Workers, Local #11-6 and John O'Mara Business Manager with Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562 both agreed to speak with the co-owners of the Ambush team to see if something can be worked out.

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Dave Cook also spoke about a texting program that you can utilize to make donations to the United Way.

President Soutier also mentioned that the proceeds from this year's Tug O War will be going to the \$5 for the Fight Fund.

Soutier encouraged participation in this fun event.

President Soutier introduced Cathy Sherwin from the AFL-CIO.

Cathy informed the Board that they are planning to canvas union member's homes on Saturday July 27, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in an effort to inform, educate and ramp up enthusiasm over what will be occurring in Jeff City regarding RTW in the next session.

Cathy is asking for 20 volunteers from each union to help with this effort, as it will be a one day only event. They are trying to reach as many members as possible to explain the veto session and what we are facing in Jefferson City. She explained that they are looking for volunteers and also for staging areas preferably in the North, South, Central and City areas.

Pat White offered his hall as a staging area. Earline Jones said that she would check with her CWA union to see if their hall would be available, as did Tony Rippeto.

Cathy said she would be following up as soon as the planning stage progresses.

Steve Hollis, President AFGE, 3354 talked to the Board about the Nelson Mandela Birthday Celebration to be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Centennial Christian Church and the importance of Labor to be a presence at this celebration.

Hollis has asked President Soutier to participate and speak at the event.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to have Labor be represented by President Soutier speaking at the event.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 Missouri Division reported that she would be sending out an email summary on the Veto Session and discussions from the Unity Table.

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 July Executive Board report as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier spoke about the July 27 canvas, whereby we will be informing our members of the veto session in Jefferson City.

COPE REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index for May 2013 at 697.798.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

Earline Jones, CWA, Local #6300 said that the MO ARA Education Fund would be having a birthday party for Social Security celebrating its 48th year.

Steve Hollis, President AFGE, Local #3354 asked members to stay after the delegate meeting and attend the "listening session" facilitated by Rob Russell of the University of MO Extension.

Shannon Duffy, United Media Guild thanked everyone for their support of the low wage workers rally and gave a special thanks to Bob Soutier for recognizing and supporting this effort.

Lew Moyer, CBTU thanked President Soutier for agreeing to speak at the Nelson Mandela birthday celebration scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Centennial Christian Church on Fountain Avenue in St. Louis. Mr. Mandela will be 95 on July 19th.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The Community Service drawing was held. Three sets of baseball tickets were given away and the 50/50 drawing was won by Mark Staffne, who donated his winnings 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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July 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
Michael Barban
Floyd Bell
Keith Forbes
Jim Kolve
Gordon Smith, Jr.

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
Shannon Duffy

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
Dan Kloeppe
Kim Sachse
No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 315 Members
Michael Pendergast
Kirk Woolsey

No. 1439 – 593 Members
Mark Staffne
Doug Mueller

No. 1455 – 650 Members

Elevator Constructors No. 3 - 352 Members

Operating Engineers No. 148 – 1,453 Members
Keith Linderer
Don Giljum
No. 513 – 500 Members
Pat Kammer
John Clark
Andrew Schalk

Federal Labor and Trade Unions No. 20711 (Advertising, Publicity and Newspaper Representatives)
8 members
Ed Finkelstein

Fire Fighters No. 73 – 434 Members
Jeff Glorioso
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

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
Mike Butler
Michael Politte
Don Robertson
William Trendley

Laborers International Union
No. 42 – 250 Members
No. 53 – 400 Members
No. 110 – 500 Members
Don Willey
Rick Casson
Clinton McBride
No. 660 – 225 Members

Letter Carriers Branch No. 343
1400 Members
Mike Chenot
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
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
Don Lummus

Production Workers Lodge 1345
1455 Members
Robert Soutier
Roger Cadwallader
James Dees
Michael Ringo

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

Healthcare Missouri
– 700 Members
Valerie Gordon

Sheet Metal Workers
No. 36 – 1,731 Members
David Zimmermann

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

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

Transit Union
No. 788 – 1,220 Members
Michael Breihan
Reggie Cavitt

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
Alex Lange
Robert Spence
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
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