

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
June 18, 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, June 18, 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, John Finder, Tom George, 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, Pat White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Mike Goebel, John Stiffler, and Dave Zimmermann.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held for Fred Morris, Tom Donovan and Sherwood Kerker.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Ella Giles and Valerie Gordon, SEIU Healthcare; Michael Barban, CWA, Local #6300; and Jennifer Clark-Bader, IBEW, Local #1 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 May 21, 2013 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Location: Machinists' District No. 9
Monday, June 17, 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, June 17, 2013.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Jeff Aboussie, Michael Breihan, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, John Finder, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Steve Hollis, Chico Humes, Pat Kammer, Kevin McNatt, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda, Gary Smith, Pat White and Dave Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Earline Jones, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Tom McNeil Jr., Mike Mehringer, John O'Mara, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

Also present was Lenny Jones with SEIU Healthcare and Karen Lyons, Labor Council.

President Soutier asked Karen to discuss the ideas for the Labor Day Parade theme this year. A discussion was held and the Board decided on a logo to depict the St. Louis Arch with each union's logo underneath and the theme to read "St. Louis Unions ~ Protecting Working Families" to also be placed under the arch. Information on the upcoming Labor Day Parade scheduled for Monday, September 2nd will be sent to all unions this week.

After a brief conversation by the Board, a motion was made, seconded and approved to allow Ed Finkelstein of the Labor Tribune to sit in at future Board meetings, with the understanding that some business held is not available for publication and he may be limited on his presence at meetings regarding some political issues.

Steve Hollis, AFGE passed around some information regarding the "Listening Session" to be held at 5:30 on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 prior to the Delegate meeting at IBEW, Local #1 Hall.

Nancy Cross, VP SEIU, Local #1 spoke about the 250 year Anniversary celebration of the City of St. Louis in 2014. The celebration will be a year-long event and Labor's participation was discussed. It was suggested that the unions get together and discuss their options for participation with the event planners so that the labor force in St. Louis is represented in the exhibit.

Nancy thanked everyone involved in the last Low Wage Workers campaign and spoke about future actions to be taking place the last week of July here and in Kansas City and asked for the same support.

Nancy Cross also commented on "Labor in the Pulpits" and what an affect it is having. The clergy have been extremely instrumental in getting Labor's issues and agendas out to their members and it is hoped that in the future, it will not only be clergy speaking to their members, but union leaders speaking in the churches explaining the plight of unions in the area.

Kevin McNatt, President United Here, Local #74 reminded the Board of the "LGBT – PRIDE Parade" to be held on Sunday, June 30 downtown.

Nancy Cross stated that there will also be an Immigration Rally held on that same Sunday, June 30, 2013 at the World's Fair Pavilion in Forest Park in the afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00.

Michael Breihan, President Transit Union, Local #788 spoke about the possible strike situation they are currently faced with, all over pensions. He asked for support.

President Soutier offered to write letters in conjunction with Jeff Aboussie of the Union Trades Council to the Mayor, County Executive, Governor and anyone else that could possibly help.

Mike advised Soutier that he would provide him with a list of potential prospects to receive the letter.

Lenny Jones with SEIU Healthcare informed the Board of their success in organizing the nurses at SLU and Des Peres Hospitals.

Lenny also asked Dave Zimmermann to speak a little about the Working Families Committee.

Zimmermann reported that attendance at the last Working Families meeting had been really good. He announced that the next meeting would be taking place in August and everyone is invited to participate.

President Soutier mentioned the Labor/Faith breakfasts held at Maggie O'Brien's and invited everyone to attend. Also, he asked that each union take a turn sponsoring a breakfast at a minimal cost and then attend the meeting you are to sponsor and speak about your union and what it is currently doing.

President Soutier commented on the "Voter Voice" issue. It was determined by the Board that a meeting needs to be facilitated with Allen Hug, Cathy Sherwin and Dave Zimmermann to discuss just what is what; and fined out once and for all what the AFL-CIO can provide and what is still needed with such a program.

It was decided that Dave Zimmermann would reach out and try to facilitate that meeting and Pat White, Business Rep, Gas Workers, Local #11-6 will sit in on that meeting as Labor's voice.

Pat Kammer, President/Bus Mgr Operating Engineers, Local #513 spoke about the Bridgeton Landfill and the plight of the citizens living and working in the area. He said that the landfill problems can equate to a dirty bomb and the situation is becoming dire. He asked for our support in any way we can give it toward cleaning up this problem in the area in which so many of us live and work.

President Soutier stated that there would be a meeting held by Rep Bill Otto tonight, Monday, June 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Pattonville High School with the Bridgeton Landfill problems to be the main topic. He asked for a show of support.

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 June Executive Board report as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier recognized Tim Rowden from the Labor Tribune who introduced John Allen, a boy scout working on his American Labor Badge.

President Soutier thanked the young man and invited him to stay for the meeting.

Soutier advised the delegates that Operating Engineers, Local #513 would be back in the Labor Day parade this year and also that the drawing for parade spots would be held at the July 16th delegate meeting.

COPE REPORT

President Soutier called on Mike Louis, MO AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer to give a legislative wrap-up.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index for April 2013 at 696.561.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Virginia Gilbert, CWA, #3647 asked the delegates to support a resolution which she read. The resolution calls for the Council to ask Congress to vote to not cut the food stamp program as proposed.

President Soutier said that he would send letters to Congress.

The resolution is as follows:

Whereas, the proposed Farm Bill would:

- Cut \$20 billion from the SNAP (formerly food stamp program)
- Remove at least 2 million people from the program entirely
- Reduce benefits for more than 810,000 families
- Leave 210,000 children without free school meals
- Cost lives and hurt families,

Therefore: The St. Louis Labor Council calls on our Congressional Representatives to vote against any Farm Bill that includes cuts to the SNAP food program.

Dave Meinell, President MO ARA spoke about a rally planned for Tuesday, July 2nd at the Eagleton Court Building starting at 11:30 a.m. Dave wants to form a human chain around the building and asked for support from the delegates.

Ed Finkelstein introduced delegates from an International Labor Communication Conference being held in St. Louis this week.

Tressa Glover spoke about the organizing effort at St. Louis University hospital and De Peres Hospital that brought them a first contract.

Tim Camp, a nurse at SLU thanked president Soutier for helping out with the rallies and giving encouragement to the nurses.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 advised the delegates that UAW member Richard Dockett has passed away.

Yvette also invited delegates to attend the next listening session in July.

Gordon Hayman, IATSE informed the delegation that the Sheraton in Clayton will not have union audio/visual employees in the future.

Pam Stepney, Letter Carriers spoke about the recent food drive and thanked the delegates for its success.

Gordon Smith, CWA Local #6300 announced the Kick Ball tournament his local is sponsoring for the St. Louis Crisis Nursery and invited all unions to help by sponsoring teams.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The Community Service drawing was held twice, once for the 50/50 cash and once for Cardinal baseball tickets.

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 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
Virginia Gilbert
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

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 Clark-Bader
Yvette Goods

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
Andrew Schalk

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. 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
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 Trendley

Laborers International Union

No. 42 – 250 Members

No. 53 – 400 Members

No. 110 – 500 Members

Don Willey

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

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

Mike Louis

David Meinell

Joe Moran

Dennis Schleeper

District 837 Lodge “A”

1948 Members

Robert Fritz

Sandra Henderson

Kurt Manns

Steve Newell

Clem Smith

District 837 Lodge “B”

1465 Members

Production Workers Lodge 1345

1455 Members

Robert Soutier

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

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

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

Ella Giles

Lenny Jones

Sheet Metal Workers

No. 36 – 1,731 Members

David Zimmermann

Joseph Feldman
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**

**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

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

Merri Berry

Rick Glidewell

Dave Politte

Nikki Rich

**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 Rippeto

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

A. Philip Randolph Institute,

St. Louis Chapter (APRI)

Coalition of Labor Union Women

Sonja Gholston Byrd