

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
May 21, 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, May 21, 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, Earline Jones, Patrick Kammer, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, John O'Mara, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Pat White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Mike Goebel, Gary Smith and Dave Zimmermann.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Gordon Smith, Jr., Keith Forbes and Kara Hutchason from CWA, Local 6300 and Joseph Rudd from Stagehands, Local #6 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 April 16, 2013 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier spoke about the new AFL-CIO listing sessions the Council will be sponsoring for June and July.

Soutier asked for delegates to come to the meeting at 5:30 p.m. prior to the delegate meeting for an hour-long session monitored by Randy Kiser.

The following delegates agreed to come to the session: Steve Hollis, AFGE; Joe Feldman, St. Louis City Labor Club; Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1; Gordon Smith, Sonja Gholston-Byrd and Larry Parker, CWA, Local 6300; Bert Atkins, IAM 837; and John Bachinski and Andrew Schalk, Operating Engineers, Local 513.

President Soutier indicated that the Council would provide sandwiches and sodas for the group.

Reminder letters will be sent out to those who say they will attend.

President Soutier thanked the officers and delegates that participated in any activities that helped in the election cycle and the legislative session in Jefferson City.

A special thank you went out to the Labor Clubs for the hard work they do every year.

President Soutier spoke about the low-wage worker campaign and rally held last week.

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

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Location: Machinists' District No. 9

Monday, May 20, 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, May 20, 2013.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Jeff Aboussie, Michael Breihan, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Steve Hollis, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Pat

Kammer, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, John O'Mara, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda, Mark Staffne, Jen Stuhlman for Mark Woolbright and Dave Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, John Finder, Gordon King, Tom McNeil Jr., Mike Mehringer, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, Pat White and Don Willey.

President Soutier handed out some free tickets to the River City Rumble on Friday, June 14, 2013 at the Family Arena in St. Charles, compliments of Jack Martorelli.

Also, Tony Ripetto, Dir Bus Rep for Machinists District 9 spoke about the annual Chapter Nine Guide Dogs of America Golf Tournament to be held on June 15, 2013 and asked for participation for this worthwhile organization.

President Soutier introduced Chris Guinn with The Simmons Law Firm who told the Board that Simmons would once again do a \$25,000 match to the \$5 For the Fight Fund. This extremely generous offer was met with a huge round of applause and much gratitude.

Dave Cook, President of UFCW, Local #655 also announced to the Board a plan for an "E-Card" that would be available to members through Schnuck's Markets whereby a portion of their spending would go to the \$5 for the Fight program. More information will follow and hopefully this program will be activated by June or July of this year.

The new United Way Campaign video was shown to the Board members and it was strongly urged by Dave Cook for each and every union to participate in the United Way fund raising effort.

Ramon Becerra with the AFL-CIO thanked everyone for all their hard work and gave a post-session report.

Mike Louis, Secretary-Treasurer with the Missouri AFL-CIO also thanked everyone for all their hard work and mentioned that he would like to see some of the lobbyists come to the union meetings and that we must develop a strategy and a plan for 2014.

President Soutier said that he thought that generating hand-written letters to the Governor would be of value and also perhaps adopting a legislator to build better relationships with this people.

Dave Zimmermann, President/Bus Mgr. Sheet Metal, Local #36 also thanked Luke Canfor, Ramon Becerra, Hugh McVey's entire office, Senator Gina Walsh and the Unity Table for all of their efforts and hard work this past session.

Dave also spoke about "Working Families" and said that we all need to be on the same page and working together. He asked everyone to take part in the upcoming Working Families meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers hall.

Allen Hug with The Kelley Group gave a presentation on "Voter Voice" a computer based program designed to help members connect with legislators.

It was decided that Allen would meet with Ramon and Cathy Sherwin to discuss where this program and the program provided by the AFL-CIO overlap before going any further.

Nancy Cross gave a short update on the Low Wage Workers Campaign rallies that were held and said that overall, they had been a great success!

President Soutier announced a Mine Workers rally tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at Kiener Plaza with a march to follow.

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 May Executive Board report as read.

COPE REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President Ebeling reported the BLS index for January 2013 at 689.818

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Kiser, Missouri AFL-CIO spoke about the listening session and how we hope to gain insight into the thoughts of our members prior to the AFL-CIO Convention in September.

Roz Sherman Voellinger spoke about the Oklahoma tornado and the relief efforts.

Clem Smith, IAM 837 thanked the delegates that came to Jefferson City to lobby legislators this year.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 advised the delegates about the minority caucus coat drive and invited the delegates to the Summer Sizzle party on June 8, 2013.

Dave Meinell, IAM777, spoke about the July 2, 2013 human chain around the Eagleton court building downtown to protest cuts to retiree's Social Security.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Kirk Woolsey, IBEW, Local #4, rose to thank president Soutier for helping to apply pressure to the Board of Aldermen that serve on the Ways and Means Committee in St. Louis and advised the delegates that Charter will still broadcast on the St. Louis channel for another year.

Gordon Smith, CWA, Local #6300 advised the delegates about the local "Kick Start for Schools" program kick ball tournament to be held on August 4, 2013.

President Soutier asked that he be sent a flyer on the tournament and the Council will distribute it to the entire Executive Board.

Gordon King, Asst Dir Bus Rep, IAM District 837 spoke about the shop stewards seminar his union held.

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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May 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
Keith Forbes
Kara Hutchason
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
Yvette Goods
No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 296 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
No. 513 – 500 Members
Pat Kammer
John Bachinski
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
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
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
No. 660 – 225 Members
Letter Carriers Branch No. 343
1400 Members
Mike Chenot
Gus Frank
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
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
Bert Atkins
Production Workers Lodge 1345

1455 Members
Robert Soutier
James Dees
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
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
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**

Joseph Rudd

**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

John Becker

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 Berg

Eric Davis

Nancy Parker

**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