

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
October 15, 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, October 15, 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, 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 and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Dave Cook and Dave Zimmermann.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the September 17, 2013 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President John Ebeling read the October Executive Board report as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT
St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Location: Machinists' District No. 9
Monday, October 14, 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, October 14, 2013.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Nancy Cross, Steve Hollis, Earline Jones, Patrick Kammer, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, Don Willey, Pat White, Mark Woolbright, and Dave Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Michael Breihan, Dave Cook, John Finder, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Gordon King, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, John O'Mara, Jeff Roorda and John Stiffler.

Also present were: Len Pagano, Mayor of St. Peters and Terri Violet, St. Peter's Ward 3 Alderman, Louis Reed, President St. Louis Board of Aldermen, and Karen Lyons, Labor Council.

President Soutier introduced Mayor Pagano and Alderman Violet. Mayor Pagano spoke out against Right to Work and told the Board that he would back them 100% in their fight.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SEIU, Local #1 MO Division gave a brief update on the hiring of Reverend Rudy Pulido. She informed the Board that the legal contract had been drawn up by Patrick Shinnors and that she would be forwarding a copy for President Soutier to sign. Reverend Pulido's official start date was October 1, 2013 and would continue thru September 2014 with quarterly reports to the Board.

President Soutier announced that George Roman would be retiring from Boeing Corporation at the end of this year and spoke about how he has been a true supporter of the unions, especially with the Right to Work issues.

Soutier invited all Board members to attend the next Union Rep's Lunch to be held at Norwood Hills Country Club, where Mr. Roman will be speaking this month. He asked for everyone to come and show him our gratitude for all he has done for us and give him a really good send off.

President Soutier gave a brief update on the meeting that he and Earline Jones and Jeff Aboussie had with Charlie Dooley regarding the unions not endorsing him.

Louis Reed addressed the Board and asked for their support in his effort to run for President of the St. Louis City Board of Aldermen.

Steve Hollis, President AFGE, Local #3354 spoke about the government layoffs and asked for support in finding areas to set up informational pickets against the government shutdown and sequestration.

President Soutier asked the Board if it would be feasible to change the dates of the March 2014 meetings. It was voted to hold the Executive Board meeting on Monday, March 24th and the Delegate meeting on Tuesday, March 25th.

Nancy Cross mentioned that Governor Nixon was thinking about the state not taking SNAP money and the efforts to talk him out of that plan.

Chico Humes, President GCC/IBT, Local #6-505M reminded the Board of the St. Louis "Chill" games, reporting that the first game was to be played on Saturday. The games are free, but you will need to pay to park and the "Chill" is promising to support the area unions.

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally,



Robert A. Soutier, President
opeiu #13

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the October Executive Board report as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier reminded the delegates that as mentioned in the Executive Board minutes, the board action to move the March 2014 Executive Board and Delegate meetings back one week will be posted in the Tribune and sent out by the Council office as well. The new dates for March will be Monday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 26, 2014 at the same times. All other meetings for the year should remain the same.

President Soutier said that he is spending much of his time on Right to Work plans for the next legislative session, working with the Missouri AFL-CIO and the Unity Table.

Soutier also has been busy with helping the United Way staff with their 2013 campaign.

COPE REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS Price Index for August 2013 at 700.593.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Gordon Smith, delegate from CWA, Local #6300 rose to speak about the new guidelines from the AFL-CIO Convention urging locals and CLC's to recruit younger workers to get involved in the labor movement. Smith asked President Soutier to take this to the Executive Board for action.

President Soutier stated that he was in total agreement with the request and he would ask several Board members to serve on a committee to discuss ways to implement the new guidelines.

President Soutier spoke about how as a young worker he got involved in the movement.

Bryon Clemmons, AFT, Local #420 spoke about issues with the Monarch Fire District and how anti-union the Fire Board of Directors is.

Gordon Hayman IATSE, Local #143 thanked the University of Missouri Extension and Rob Russell for helping restore union projectionists at the Sheraton Clayton Hotel.

Steve Hollis, AFGE, Local #3354 spoke about the government shutdown and how it is affecting his members and advised of a rally for the furloughed workers.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 informed the Delegates of the 27th Annual Calloway Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at the Renaissance Grand Hotel.

GOOD AND WELFARE COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The Community Service drawing was held.

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

RS/kl

opeiu #13

October 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
Keith Forbes
Earline Jones
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
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 315 Members
Mike 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
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
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
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
Pamela Stepney
Longshoremen
No. 1652 – 20 Members
Machinists & Aerospace Workers
Progressive Lodge No. 41
697 Members
Stephen Branson
Richard Feldhaus
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 Rippeto
Calvin Davis
David Meinell
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton
District 837 Lodge “A”
1948 Members
Robert Fritz
Sandra Henderson
Kurt Manns
Clem Smith
District 837 Lodge “B”
1465 Members
Production Workers Lodge 1345
1455 Members
Robert Soutier
Roger Cadwallader
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
Daniel Dyer
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
Healthcare Missouri
– 700 Members
Valerie Gordon
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
Byron Clemens**

**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**

Roland Lewis

**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
Joe Holt
Alex Lange
Kevin Ryan
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 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