

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**February 21, 2012**  
**I.B.E.W., Local #1 Hall**

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council was called to order by President Robert Soutier at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Michael Goebel, Earline Jones, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Charles McNeil, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, John Stiffler, Patrick White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

**Excused and Recorded as Present:** Jeff Roorda, Joseph Schonlau, Mark Staffne, and David Zimmermann.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the January 17, 2012 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

President Soutier read a resolution from the Fire Fighters, Local #73. After an explanation by Local #73 President Chris Molitor, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the resolution as follows:

**Firefighters Resolution**

*Whereas*, the Fire and EMS Professionals of St Louis, International Association of Firefighters, Local 73 is the exclusive bargaining agent for the uniformed members of the St. Louis Fire Department; and

*Whereas*, collective bargaining contracts are the backbone of organized labor that insure fairness and equality for our members; and

*Whereas*, Local 73 has negotiated in good faith, in an attempt to reach a compromise only to realize that the City had no interest in entering into a collectively bargained contract; and

*Whereas*, Francis Slay is the Mayor of the City of St Louis; and

*Whereas*, Francis Slay has refused to collectively bargain in good faith, a contractually guaranteed resolution to the current pension issue; and

*Whereas*, Francis Slay as a member of the Board of Alderman never voted in favor of salary increases, for union employees; and

*Whereas*, in 2008 Francis Slay as Mayor used his influence to successfully block passage of a multiyear, collectively bargained pay ordinance for union employees; and

*Whereas*, Francis Slay has initiated an unprecedented attack on union Firefighters and their families by, introducing legislation at the St Louis Board of Alderman to dissolve the Firemen's Retirement System of St Louis, significantly reducing pension and survivors benefits for current active and retired firefighters.

*Resolved*, that the St Louis Labor Council publicly support the Union Firefighters of Local 73 by condemning the actions of Mayor Slay; and

*Resolved*, that the Council send a letter in support of Local 73 to Mayor Slay demanding that Board Bills 270 and 271 be immediately withdrawn. And encourage all member organizations of the St Louis Labor Council to publicly support Union firefighters.

Fraternally,



Robert A. Soutier, President

opeiu #13

## **AFFILIATIONS**

### **SEATING OF DELEGATES**

President Soutier called Jeff Proctor with the Professional Fire Fighter of Easter Missouri, Local #2665 and William Lister and Barry Linan, with the National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 343 to the podium and gave them the oath of office to represent their local unions as delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

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

President Soutier called on First Vice President, John Ebeling to read the Executive Board report as follows:

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Thursday, February 16, 2012

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Executive Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Robert Soutier on Thursday, February 16, 2012.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Chico Humes, Earline Jones, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, John O'Mara, Jeff Roorda, Joseph Schonlau, Mark Staffne, Gary Otten for Joseph Barrett, Tony Rippeto, Gary Smith, Jen Stuhlman for Mark Woolbright, Patrick White, and Don Willey.

**Excused and recorded as present:** Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Mike Goebel, Gordon King, Charles McNeil, Tom McNeil Jr., Mike Mehringer, John Stiffler, and David Zimmermann.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Roz Sherman Voellinger of the United Way; Karen Lyons, St. Louis Labor Council; Angelo Lancia and Paul Lancia of Aetna; Jack Martorelli, Allen Hug, and Megan Shackelford of The Kelley Group; and Chris Guinn with The Simmons Law Firm. Also present were Chris Molitor, Jeff Glorioso, and Demetris Alfred of the St. Louis Professional Firefighters, Local #73.

President Soutier introduced Angelo Lancia, longtime friend of Labor who donated a personal check for \$500 to the Five for the Fight Fund and vowed to help this organization by contacting others and soliciting donations. His son, Paul Lancia presented a check from Aetna, for \$5,000 to the fund.

President Soutier thanked them both for their generosity and commitment to Labor's cause

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President Soutier then introduced the members of the Kelley Group, who in turn introduced Chris Guinn from The Simmons Law Firm, who said that their organization is prepared to match the first \$25,000 of donations to the program.

Soutier thanked everyone involved for their participation and dedication to this fund, which helps so many of our unemployed union members.

President Soutier also mentioned that Steve Branstetter, Vice President of Pulaski Bank is putting together a program whereby Pulaski would donate a certain dollar amount to the \$5 for the Fight Fund, in the name of each union member who does a loan with Pulaski Bank. This program is in the early stages of development.

President Soutier then introduced Firefighters, Local #73 members who spoke about the ongoing pension debate they are having with the city of St. Louis. The firefighters proposed a resolution asking for the Labor Council to send a letter of support to Mayor Slay demanding that Board Bills 270 and 271 be immediately withdrawn, and encourage all member organizations of the St. Louis Labor Council to publicly support Union firefighters.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to support the firefighters in their efforts. However, the Board members asked that the document be sent to the lawyers for their approval on the legality of the resolution, before the actual signing.

The Board moved to table and hold a resolution regarding TWA employees until the next meeting when more information can be gathered.

Ed Finkelstein informed the Board that the April 12, 2012 Board meeting would be held at the Jewish Federation Building. There will be a Labor Seder and a tour of the Holocaust Museum as well as a meeting with Jewish leaders from the community to discuss common issues.

Jeff Roorda with the St. Louis Police Officers Association spoke about the issues the city police have with ACLU in their over civilian review boards.

President Soutier asked for everyone to mark their calendars for May 6, 2012 and the St. Louis Labor Council Labor mass. More information will follow.

Roz Sherman Voellinger gave an update on the \$5 for the Fight Fund and thanked everyone for their extreme generosity. She said that the donations will certainly help with the abundance of calls coming in from union members still needing assistance.

Roz also said that there will be Union Counseling Courses each Thursday evening in April at the Sheet Metal, Local #36. The courses are free and the focus will be on insurance resources among other timely topics such as jobs and economic development. You will also be able to tour Sheet Metal's new facility.

President Soutier read the COPE recommendations as follows:

**LABOR CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS:**  
**(APRIL 3, 2012 Election)**

**WARREN COUNTY LABOR CLUB:**

Wright City RII School Board, District RII	Greg Roth Alice Klem
Warrenton School Board, District RIII	John Klinger
Warrenton ó Mayor	OPEN
Warrenton ó Alderman	OPEN

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the recommendations from Warren County Labor Club,

**NORTH COUNTY LABOR CLUB:**

Proposition S ó Bond Issue	YES
City of Florissant, Councilman Ward #3	Joe Eagan*
City of Florissant, Councilman Ward #5	Keith Schildroth*
City of Florissant, Councilman Ward #7	Jackie Pagano
City of Florissant, Councilman Ward #9	Mike Bober
City of Maryland Heights, Councilman Ward #4	Jim Carver*
City of Ferguson, Councilman Ward #2	Tim Larsen*
City of Ferguson, Councilman Ward #1	John Knowles
City of Hazelwood ó Mayor	Matt Robinson*
Hazelwood School Board	Desi Whitlock Mark Behlman
St. Louis Community College Board of Trustees Sub District 1	Daryl Cothran
Ferguson-Florissant School Board	Scott Ebert
City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Ward #1	Tony Migliazzo*
City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Ward #2	Donald M. Merz
City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Ward #4	Anthony Smith*
City of Dellwood, Alderman Ward #1	Ellis C. Fitzwalter
City of Dellwood, Alderman Ward #2	James Lovings
City of Dellwood, Alderman Ward #4	Don Haynes

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Jennings School Board

Jennings City Council, Ward #1  
Jennings City Council, Ward #3  
Jennings City Council, Ward #4

City of Edmundson, Ward #1

West Overland Fire District

Creve Coeur Fire District

*(ADDED February 21, 2012):*

*Bridgeton, Ward #1  
Bridgeton, Ward #3  
Bridgeton, Ward #4*

*St. Ann, Ward #1  
St. Ann, Ward #4*

Rosemary Johnson\*  
Reggie Hall  
Miranda Jones  
Dave Schmerber  
OPEN

Rhoda A. Gwaltney

Bret Hicks

Ron Olshwanger\*  
Cathy Keeler\*

*Judy Pickett  
Randy Hein  
Barb Abram*

*Ross Milligan  
William Clifford*

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the recommendations from North County Labor Club,

**TRI-COUNTY LABOR LEGISLATIVE CLUB**

Fort Zumwalt School District R-2  
Board of Directors

Michael W. MacCormack

Francis Howell School District R-3  
Board of Directors

Marty Hodits  
Eric Seider

Wentzville School District R-4  
Board of Directors  
Orchard Farms School District R-5  
Board of Directors

David Hurst  
Fred B. Semke  
Nancy Goeke

St. Charles Community College District  
Board of Trustees

William T. Lohmar, Jr.

City of Flint Hill #25 - Mayor

Douglas Wynn

City of St. Peters

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Mayor  
Alderman Ward #2  
Alderman Ward #3  
Alderman Ward #4

Leonard B. (Len) Pagano  
Jerry Brent Hollingsworth  
Thomas "Tommy" Roberts, Jr.  
Patrick A. Barclay

City of Lake St. Louis #42  
Alderman Ward #1  
Alderman Ward #3

Ralph Sidebottom  
John Pellerito

City of Wentzville #44  
Mayor  
Alderman Ward #1  
Alderman Ward #2

Nickolas (Nick) Guccione  
Jay Webber  
Donna J. Sherwood

O'Fallon Fire Protection District #11  
Board of Directors

Matt Gober

Lake St. Louis Fire Protection District #15  
Board of Directors

Frederick W. Friedman

Central County Fire and Rescue #20  
Board of Directors

Robert Carpenter

Lincoln County Ambulance District  
Lincoln County R-3 School District

Angie Collins  
No Tax Increase Bond Issue

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the recommendations from Tri-County Labor Club,

President Soutier announced that the date for the March 2012 Executive Board meeting has been changed to March 8, 2012.

Soutier also announce a labor rally to be held on the steps of the capitol building in Jefferson City on March 27 and asked for a huge turnout of membership.

It was brought up that the PAC to PAC issue has been reversed and donations can once again be made from one PAC to another.

Earline Jones advised the Board of the ARA luncheon honoring Bob Kortkamp to be held on February 28, 2012 at Christy's Banquet Center.

Chico Humes advised the Board of a new shop that will open up next month, called "New Signs Fast."

Dave Cook asked for the Boards help with an issue UFCW, Local #655 is having with Dierbergs. They will be opening a store in the City of Osage Beach at the Lake of the Ozarks as a non-union store. Dave asked for the

Board members to write a letter to Bob Dierberg in protest of this situation and passed out a sample letter to be 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 minutes as read.

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

President Soutier gave an updated report of the \$5 for the Fight Fund and new contributions that have been made.

Soutier introduced Allen Hug from The Kelley Group for an announcement by the Simmons Law Group that they will match \$25,000 in donations to the \$5 for the Fight Fund.

President Soutier reported on all Labor Club endorsements as of the date of the last Executive Board Report. (This list can be seen in the above Executive Board report). A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the report as given.

#### **COPE REPORT**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 676.014 for December 2011.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dave Cook, President UFCW, Local #655 spoke about Dierbergs opening at The Lake of the Ozarks and the fact that they are opening ñnon-union.ö Dave asked for the support of the members in the future in regards to this issue.

Nancy Cross, Vice President SE1 MO Division, spoke on the Right to Work issue and the Unity Table efforts as well as Payday Loans and Minimum Wage.

Chico Humes rose in support of Brother Cook.

Cathy Sherwin, AFL-CIO advised the delegates of a rally against Cooper Tire at the N.T.B. store located at St. Charles Rock Road and Harmony, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on February 25, 2012.

Irv Hupp, AFSME questioned why Save A Lot is non-union.

#### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Keith Robinson spoke about the A. Phillip Randolph banquet in April 2012.

#### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING**

The community servicesødrawing was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to come before the delegates, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert A. Soutier". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Robert A. Soutier, President  
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**February 2012 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** ó 284 Members

**Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Bakers No. 4** ó 963 Members

**Bricklayers No. 1** ó 1093 Members  
Joseph Schonlau

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

**Communications Workers No. 6300** ó 4248 Members  
Mike Mehringer

**Print & Media Sector**  
John Ebeling  
**No. 6350** ó 209 Members  
**No. 6390** ó 150 Members

**St. Louis Mailers Union No. 3/CWA 14620** ó 250 Members

**St. Louis Newspaper Guild No. 47/CWA 36047** ó 353 Members  
Joe Pollack

**Intl. Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers No. 818** ó 21 Members

**Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers No.1** ó 4300 Members  
Tom George  
Tom Berger  
Gregory Booth  
Lou Cunningham  
Matt Gober  
Yvette Goods  
Brian Lavac  
Bernie Ryan  
Kim Sachse  
Tom Sansevere  
**No. 2** ó 600 Members  
**No. 4** ó 296 Members  
Fran Dilliard  
Michael Pendergast

**No. 1439** ó 593 Members  
Mark Staffne

**No. 1455** ó 650 Members

**Elevator Constructors No. 3** - 352 Members

**Operating Engineers No. 148** ó 1,453 Members  
Michael Yates

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

**Fire Fighters No. 73** ó 434 Members  
Chris Molitor  
**No. 757** ó 72 Members  
**No. 1889** ó 118 Members  
**No. 2665** ó 1,839 Members  
Mark Woolbright  
Jeff Proctor  
**No. 2677** ó 21 Members

**Lindbergh Federation of Food Service Employees Local 6006** ó 40 Members  
**Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastic and Allied Workers (GMP)**  
Local 182B ó 45 Members

**American Federation of Government Employees**  
No. 3354 ó 50 Members

**GCC/IBT**  
International Union  
**No. 38 N** ó 100 Members  
Dennis Clancy  
William Sullivan  
**No. 6-505M** ó 1240 Members  
Chico Humes  
Donald Osiek

**Insulators and Allied Workers Local 1** ó 369 Members  
John Stiffler

**Iron Workers Bridge and Structural Iron Workers No. 396** ó 850 Members  
Tom McNeil  
Travis Barnes

Bill Brennell  
 Mike Butler  
 Don Robertson  
 William Trendley  
**Laborers International Union**  
**No. 42** ó 250 Members  
**No. 53** ó 400 Members  
**No. 110** ó 500 Members  
 Don Willey  
**No. 660** ó 225 Members  
**Letter Carriers Branch No. 343**  
 1400 Members  
 Mike Chenot  
 Gus Frank  
 Barry Linan  
 Bill Lister  
 Pamela Stepney  
**Longshoremen**  
**No. 1652** ó 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  
 Zachary Frago  
 Charles Hendricks  
 Ruben Melton  
 Richard Peppers  
**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**  
 167 Members  
 Bob Meilink  
**Automotive Lodge No. 777**  
 1769 Members  
 Calvin Davis  
 Sandra Henderson  
 Dave Meinell  
 Joe Moran  
 Dennis Schleeper  
 Terry Sutton  
**District 837 Lodge "A"**  
 1948 Members  
 Kurt Manns  
 Kurt Ule  
**District 837 Lodge "B"**  
 1465 Members

**Production Workers Lodge 1345**  
 1455 Members  
 Robert Soutier  
**Lodge No. 1745** – 303 Members  
**Musicians No. 2-197** -543 Members  
 Gary Smith  
 Jan Scott  
**Office and Professional Employees**  
**No. 13** ó 329 Members  
**No. 277** ó 10 Members  
**Plumbers and Pipe Fitters**  
**No. 562** -- 1000 Members  
 John O'Mara  
 Brian Chumley  
**Sprinkler Fitters No. 268**  
 350 Members  
**Police Officers**  
**St. Louis Police Officers Assoc.**  
**FOP #68**  
 Jeff Roorda  
**Postal Workers Union**  
**St. Louis Gateway Area Local 8**  
 1950 Members  
 Fred Wolfmeyer  
**Local 7043** ó 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** ó 400 Members  
**Seafarers International Union**  
 300 Members  
**Service Employees Intl. Union**  
**No. 1 (The MO Division)**  
 . 3650 Members  
 Nancy Cross  
 Marcia Cline  
 Michael Murphy  
**Sheet Metal Workers**  
**No. 36** ó 1,731 Members  
 David Zimmermann  
 Joseph Feldman

**I.A.T.S.E.**

**Theatrical Stage Employees,  
Moving Picture Technicians,  
Artists and Allied Crafts**

**Studio Mechanics**

**No. 493** ó 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** ó 57 Members

**Theatrical Wardrobe Attendants**

**No. 805** ó 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** ó 251 Members

Judy Eggers

Paul Presson

**U.S.W., No. 884** ó 87 Members

**Steelworkers**

**No. 9014** ó 659 Members

**Wholesale Upholsterers**

**No. 25** ó 32 Members

**Awning & Tent Workers & Decorators**

**Decorators & Displaymen**

**No. 39** ó 50 Members

**Teachers**

**St. Louis Teachers**

**No. 420** ó 1852 Members

Mary Armstrong

**Lindbergh Federation**

**No. 2420** ó 2 Members

**Junior College Dist. Federation**

**No. 3506** ó 87 Members

**Wentzville Federation of School-  
Related Employees,**

**No. 4894** ó 150 Members

**Teamsters**

**No. 688** – 500 Members

Michael Goebel

John Becker

Pat Raftery

**Transit Union**

**No. 788** ó 1,220 Members

Charles McNeil

**Transport Workers Union of America**

**No. 529** ó 423 Members

**Transport Workers Union**

**Railroad Division**

**No. 1647** ó 10 Members

**Utility Workers**

**No. 335** ó 446 Members

**UNITE HERE - Union of Needletrades,**

**Industrial and Textile Employees**

**St. Louis District Joint Board**

**No. 56A** ó 75 Members

**No. 74** ó 2000 Members

Kevin McNatt

Les Halveland

**No. 104** ó 10 Members

**No. 254C** ó 10 Members

**No. 428** ó 5 Members

**United Food and Commercial Workers,**

**No. 655** – 10,965 Members

David Cook

Eric Davis

Gary Torpea

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

Painters District Council No. #2  
Joseph Barrett

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

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