

**St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO**  
**Official Minutes**  
**July 17, 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, July 17, 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, John Finder, Michael Goebel, Tom George, Earline Jones, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Patrick White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

**Excused and Recorded as Present:** Jeff Roorda and David Zimmermann.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the June 21, 2012 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

2012 Labor Day Parade Drawing - Results as follows:

**2012 Labor Day Parade Lineup Sheet for 7-17-12 Meeting**

**Line Up**  
**Number**

**Organization**

**Color Guard**

**Mayor & Police Chief & Fire Chief**

**"We Are The 99% Vote" Banner Walkers**

**Musicians & Horse-drawn Carriage**

**St. Louis Labor Council - 125 Year Anniversary**

**Painters District Council #2 - 125 Year Anniversary**

**Plumbers & Pipefitters - 100 Year Anniversary**

**Laborers, Local #660 - 75 Year Anniversary (Plus 42, 53 & 110)**

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| <b>#1</b> | <b>Fire Fighters, Local #2665</b>                                  |
| <b>#2</b> | <b>Roofers, Local #2</b>   |
| <b>#3</b> | <b>Machinists' District #9, #41, #688, #777, #1345 &amp; #1745</b> |
| <b>#4</b> | <b>IBEW, Local #1, #4, #1439,<br/>IUOE, Local #148</b>             |

- #5 CWA, Local #6300, City Council, #6355, & Retirees**
- #6 APWU St. Louis Gateway #8  
NALC Branch #343**
- #7 Teamsters, Local #600, #610, #618, #682, #688  
GCC/IBT, Local #6-505M**
- #8 Aerospace Lodge #837, #837A, #837B, #387 & #738**
- #9 Coalition of Black Trade Unionists**
- #10 Cement Masons**
- #11 Gas Workers, Local #11-6, USW #11-194**
- #12 Unite Here, Local #74**
- #13 Bricklayers Local #1, Heat & Frost Insulators, Local #1  
Sprinkler Fitters, Local #268**
- #14 UFCW, Local #655**
- #15 Bakers, Local #4**
- #16 Amalgamated Transit Union, Local #788**
- #17 Elevator Constructors, Local #3**
- #18 St. Louis Police Officer's Association**
- #19 SEIU, Local #1 - Missouri Division**
- #20 Glaziers, Local #513**
- #21 Iron Workers, Local #396**
- #22 AFT St. Louis, Local #420**
- #23 Stagehands, Local #6**
- #24 UAW, Local #2250**
- #25 Sheet Metal Workers, Local #36**

## **AFFILIATIONS**

### **SEATING OF DELEGATES**

President Soutier called Michael Ringo, of IAM Production Workers, #1345 to the podium and gave him the oath of office to represent his local union as a delegate to the St. Louis Labor Council.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

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

There was no Executive Board report for the month of July, as the July Board meeting had been cancelled.

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

President Soutier reminded everyone that the delegate meeting time has been changed from a 7:30 p.m. start to a 6:30 p.m. start, beginning with the Tuesday, September 18, 2012 meeting.

Soutier told the group that this is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the St. Louis Labor Council.

President Soutier reminded everyone of the fundraiser to be held for Gina Walsh, who is running for State Senate in District 13. The fundraiser will be held on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at Sports Café in Bridgeton. He encouraged everyone to attend and show our support to a true friend of Labor.

President Soutier also announced that the SLPOA will host a fundraiser for state senate hopeful and current state Representative Joe Fallert, sponsored by the St. Louis Labor Council AFL-CIO and the St. Louis Building & Construction Trades Council on July 26<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm. Representative Fallert is true friend of labor and has been endorsed by the Missouri Fraternal Order of Police.

Soutier also mentioned that on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. there will be a rally to raise the minimum wage. They will meet in Schnuck's parking lot at 6600 Clayton Road at Big Bend and rally at the AMC Theater.

Also, on Wednesday of next week at 1:30 p.m. the Painters will roll out Labor 2012, with Bradley Harmon as the new Zone Coordinator.

Soutier said that he had attended the Labor Management Conference at Tan Tara this past week, where they prepared to help the candidates.

President Soutier also commented that in order to help the candidates, Project 2000 needed to be funded and that donations are always welcomed to that fund.

### **COPE REPORT**

President Soutier then read the Labor Club COPE recommendation as follows:

Franklin County Labor Political Committee:  
Franklin County Public Administrator

Mary Jo Straatmann

A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse Mary Jo Straatmann.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Soutier reported the BLS index for May 2012 at 688.423.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Marcia Cline (retired from the United Way) and Roz Sherman Voellinger, United Way Labor Liaison introduced Rick Casson Secretary Treasurer of Laborer's Local #110.

Rick announced that the Laborer's had presented a check in the amount of \$20,000 to the \$5 for the Fight Fund. This money was received by Roz and Marcia and presented to the Labor Council for the fund. The generosity of the Laborer's is unprecedented and we are sincerely grateful for this overwhelming donation.

Rick also announced that through his union, he was able to arrange it for Marcia Cline to throw out the first pitch at the Cardinals game on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>!

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 and the Coalition of Labor Union Women asked for our support of Robin Wright Jones.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Roz Sherman Voellinger announced the United Way Trap Shoot and BBQ to be held on Friday, September 28. Roz said that this is their only major fund raiser and she is asking for the support of Labor in getting in our registration for this fun event. The goal this year is \$25,000.

Dave Meinell, President of the MO ARA said that he has DVD's regarding the Koch Brothers to pass out if anyone is interested. He also said the ARA BBQ would be held on Friday, August 17, 2012 at the Machinists' Local #837 Hall.

Fred Wolfmeyer, President American Postal Workers, St. Louis, asked for the support of Michael Butler, who is running for state rep in the 79<sup>th</sup> District.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING**

The community services' drawing was held. Earline Jones won and donated her 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  
opeiu #13

## **July 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** – 284 Members

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

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

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

**Communications Workers No. 6300** – 4248 Members  
Mike Mehringer  
Earline Jones

**Print & Media Sector No. 6350** – 209 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  
Tom Berger  
Yvette Goods  
Dan Kloeppe  
Bernie Ryan  
Kim Sachse

**No. 2** – 600 Members  
**No. 4** – 296 Members  
**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

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

**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  
Kenneth 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  
Rick Casson  
Ronny Griffin  
**No. 660** – 225 Members

**Letter Carriers Branch No. 343**

1400 Members  
Gus Frank

**Longshoremen**

**No. 1652** – 20 Members

**Machinists & Aerospace Workers**

**Progressive Lodge No. 41**

697 Members  
Michael Ribbert

**I.A.M.A.W. No. 387**

854 Members  
Zach Frago  
Steve Gibson  
Chuck Hendricks  
Ruben Melton  
Larry Parker

**Tool and Die Lodge No. 688**

167 Members  
Bob Meilink

**Automotive Lodge No. 777**

1769 Members  
Mark Conner  
Calvin Davis  
Dave Meinell  
Joe Moran  
Dennis Schleeper  
Terry Sutton

**District 837 Lodge “A”**

1948 Members  
Sandra Henderson  
Kurt Manns  
Steve Newell  
Kent Ule

**District 837 Lodge “B”**

1465 Members  
Bert Atkins  
Don Lummus

**Production Workers Lodge 1345**

1455 Members  
Robert Soutier  
Ellen Arbogast  
James Dees  
Michael Ringo

**Lodge No. 1745** – 303 Members

**Musicians No. 2-197** -543 Members

Gary Smith  
Jan Scott

**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**

Jeff Roorda

**Postal Workers Union**

**St. Louis Gateway Area Local 8**

1950 Members

**Local 7043** – 100 Members

Fred Wolfmeyer

**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

Marcia Cline

**Sheet Metal Workers**

**No. 36** – 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** – 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  
Mike Re’

**U.S.W., No. 11-152** – 45 Members

**U.S.W., No. 11-194** – 251 Members  
Patricia Wynn

**U.S.W., No. 169G** –  
Joe Fallert, Jr.

**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

**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  
Kevin Ryan  
Nick Trupiano  
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  
Joseph Barrett  
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