

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
March 20, 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, March 20, 2012.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed for the following union members who recently passed away: Fred Sexauer, longtime friend of the Labor Council and retired member of Local #38, also Joe Pollack, Labor Council delegate and member of the Newspaper Guild, as well as Therese Benassi, a 29 year member of District No. 9 and OPEIU, Local #13.

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 Rippeto, Jeff Roorda, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Patrick White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Joseph Schonlau and David Zimmermann.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Dan Kloepfel of IBEW, Local #1 and Joseph Moran of Automotive Lodge 777 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: **(NOTE: the Executive Board Report was given by John without reading the COPE recommendations)**

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Thursday, March 8, 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, March 8, 2012.

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A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Dave Cook, Jeff Aboussie, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Earline Jones, Kevin McNatt, John O'Mara, Jeff Roorda, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Jen Stuhlman for Mark Woolbright and Patrick White.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Joseph Barrett, Mike Goebel, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Charles McNeil, Tom McNeil Jr., Mike Mehringer, Joseph Schonlau, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Don Willey and David Zimmermann.

Also present were Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Roz Sherman Voellinger and Marcia Cline of the United Way.

Judge Lisa Van Amburg spoke to the Board about her efforts to be appointed to the bench by Governor Jay Nixon.

President Soutier said he had written a letter on her behalf to the Governor.

Keith Meyers and Carol Samules spoke to the Board about the TWA Resolution to support the flight attendants efforts to get the seniority back they had lost as a result of the merger of TWA and American Airlines in 2001. A motion was made, seconded and approved to send letters of support and allow the flight attendants to solicit funds from individual unions.

President Soutier stated that he would provide a list of affiliated unions to them so that they may contact each one.

President Soutier read the following COPE recommendations:

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

Rockwood Labor Club:

Bill Brown- Rockwood School Board Candidate

Proposition R- Rockwood School Board Bond Issue for Capital Improvements

St. Louis County Court Bond Issue concerning the construction of a new court building "S"

Jefferson County Labor/Political Committee's Recommendations

City of Arnold Council Seats

Ward 2 Jeff Fitter

Ward 3 Paul Freese

City of Crystal City Council Seat

Ward 1 Veronica G. Wansley

City of Festus Councilman

Ward 3 Kevin Dennis

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City of Herculaneum Alderman

Ward 1 Michael Weldon

Ward 2 Christopher Baker

Ward 3 Rick Elder

City of De Soto Councilman

Jesse Barton

City of Pevely Alderman

Ward 1 Steve Markus

Propositions

Pevely City Code- Vote Yes

Antonia Fire Protection District-Support Your Fire Fighters- No Tax increase Vote Yes

De Soto Proposition Fire- Vote Yes

Jefferson County 911 Dispatch Board of Director-1st District

John Scullin

Jefferson County 911 Dispatch Board of Director- 2nd District

John Newsome

Cedar Hill Fire Protection District Board of Director

Gray W. Hahn Sr.

De Soto Rural Fire Protection District Board of Director

Dustin Lowry

Joachim Plattin Ambulance Board of Directors

Terry R. Thomas

Denise L. Manning-Gebhardt

Rock Township Ambulance Board of Directors

Dean Meenach

Charles M. Huey – **VOTED ON TO LEAVE OPEN**

North Jefferson County Ambulance Board of Directors

Julia Vessells

Kathy Hennessey

School Boards:

Windsor C-1 School Board Members

Sharon Swan

Michael Dubis

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Fox C-6 School Board Members

No Recommendation

Festus R-6 School Board Members

Michael Wolk

Northwest R-1 School Board Members

Victoria James

De Soto #73 School Board Member

Bruce Howard

Warren County Labor Club recommendations:

Wright City

Alderman Ward #1

Dan Campbel

Tri-County Labor Club:

Wentzville Alderman

Rodney Straatman

St. Peters Alderman

Rocky Reitmeier

Cottleville Fire District

Vote "Yes" on Tax Increase

South St. Louis County Labor Club:

Mehlville

Ronald Fedorchak

Mike Wainz

Bayless

Mike Fox

Hancock

Kevin Johnson

Eric Bishoff

Lindbergh

Karen Schuster

George Rezabek

Afton

OPEN

Kirkwood

OPEN

Afton Fire District

Prop A

St. Louis Community College

Bob Burns

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A motion was made by Dave Cook, President UFCW, Local #655 to leave "OPEN" the Rock Township Ambulance Board position sought by Charles M. Huey. The motion was seconded and approved.

John O'Mara amended the Tri County endorsements.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the entire COPE list as amended.

Soutier reminded the Board about the Labor Rally to be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 in Jefferson City.

Soutier advised the Board of the Labor Club meeting to also be held on March 27th in Jefferson City with Herb Johnson, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

President Soutier reminded the Board of the importance of the recent per capita increase and indicated that he will be sending out letters to each affiliate to request that they check the numbers being reported to the Council to insure accuracy. Several Board members agreed that this would be a good idea.

Kevin McNatt, President Unite Here, Local #74 spoke about the NLRB office moving to Kansas and how this will hurt St. Louis. He urged all leaders to send letters to their Internationals asking them to call the President and voice concerns.

President Soutier indicated that he had sent a detailed letter to all political leaders opposing the move and he will copy the Board with the same.

Roz Sherman Voellinger and Marcia Cline informed the Board of recent United Way functions and of the upcoming union counseling classes to be held in April.

Tom George, President IBEW, Local #1 spoke about the times organizations come to the Council and seek support for bond issues and say that all work will be done union and the backtrack. The Board voted to have commitments on union work before they will ever consider endorsing any propositions in the future.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to support any resolution that requests fairness from companies at shareholder meetings.

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 minutes of the Executive Board meeting as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier read the COPE recommendations as listed above. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept all recommendations as read.

President Soutier spoke about the rally to be held in Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 27th and of the Legislative Conferences that some unions are participating in on the same day.

Soutier also announced a meeting with Herb Johnson and the St. Louis area Labor Clubs and asked for a well attended meeting to discuss current issues.

President Soutier informed the delegates of the upcoming Robert O. Kortkamp Union Labor Mass on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at The Shrine of St. Joseph in St. Louis with a brunch following at Maggie O'Brien's Restaurant. Tables or seats are available by getting in touch with the Labor Council office.

COPE REPORT

*Please see above

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index at 681.977 for February 2012.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

Rob Russell with the University of MO Extension reported on the April 11, 2012 Labor Law Breakfast series.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1 spoke about the Women's Lobby Day and march in Jefferson City.

Dave Meinell, Automotive Lodge #777 and President of the MO ARA thanked all involved with the first annual Robert O. Kortkamp Humanitarian Award Presentation at the Christy Banquet Center in February.

Marcia Cline with the United Way of Greater St. Louis reminded everyone of the Union Counseling Classes scheduled for each Thursday evening in April at the new Sheet Metal, Local #36 Hall.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The community services' drawing was held. Kurt Manns, Lodge #837A donated his 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

March 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 John Ebeling
No. 6350 – 209 Members
No. 6390 – 150 Members

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

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
Gregory Booth
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
Dan Klooppel
Brian Lavac
Tom Sansevere

No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 296 Members
Fran Dilliard
Michael Pendergast
No. 1439 – 593 Members
Mark Staffne

No. 1455 – 650 Members

Elevator Constructors No. 3 - 352 Members

Operating Engineers No. 148 – 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 – 434 Members
No. 757 – 72 Members
No. 1889 – 118 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
Rich McLaughlin
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 Diefenbach
Michael Ribbert
Larry Williams
I.A.M.A.W. No. 387
854 Members
Zachary Frago
Steve Gibson
Charles Hendricks
Ruben Melton
Larry Parker
Richard Peppers
Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
167 Members
Bob Meilink
Automotive Lodge No. 777
1769 Members
Calvin Davis
Dave Meinell
Joe Moran
Mike Musgrove
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolfe
District 837 Lodge “A”
1948 Members
Sandra Henderson
Kurt Manns
Colleen Natoli
Steve Newell
Kent 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 – 329 Members
No. 277 – 10 Members
Paul Winslow
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
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
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
Sheet Metal Workers
No. 36 – 1,731 Members
David Zimmermann
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

U.S.W., No. 11-152 – 45 Members

U.S.W., No. 11-194 – 251 Members

Judy Eggers

Paul Presson

U.S.W., No. 884 – 87 Members

Steelworkers

No. 9014 – 659 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

Dave Lalumondier

Transit Union

No. 788 – 1,220 Members

Charles McNeil

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

Nikki Rich

Karen Settlemoir-Berg

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

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