

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
September 18, 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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2012.

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, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, John Finder, Michael Goebel, Tom George, Earline Jones, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., Mike Mehringer, Gary Otten, Tony Rippeto, Jeff Roorda, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Patrick White, Don Willey, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

Excused and Recorded as Present:

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Soutier asked for a moment of silence for Harlie Wilson, former President of the St. Louis Union Label & Service Trades Council, Mike Cook, brother of Dave Cook, President of UFCW, Local #655 and Greg Booth, our friend and former member of IBEW, Local #1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tom George, President of IBEW, Local #1 introduced Mark Morland with the Missouri Association of Trial Lawyers who spoke on Proposition 3 which is a statewide ballot initiative to take a non-partisan court plan to a partisan plan. He asked that we Vote NO to Prop 3.

Ed Finkelstein, Editor of the Labor Tribune introduced Pastor Traci Blackmon, Pastor Christ the King UCC, who spoke to us regarding "Souls to the Polls," an endeavor to get people to the polls to vote by providing transportation. She asked that we get the information to our members so that they can get everyone who needs transportation a ride to the polls. The number to call for this service is 314-480-6233.

Roz Sherman-Voellinger, Labor Liaison with the United Way of Greater St. Louis thanked everyone for their donations and reminded the members of the union-sponsored trap shoot fundraiser for the United Way to be held on Friday, September 28th. Roz then introduced Amy Phillips, the newest Labor Liaison at the United Way replacing Marcia Cline. The United Way 2012 Fundraiser film was shown to the delegates.

A member of the Jason Kander campaign, by the name of Kevin spoke on behalf of Jason Kander and asked the members for their support of Kander for Secretary of State.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Bradley Harmon, President of Missouri Public Workers Union, CWA, Local #No. 6355 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

NOTE: Copies of the Executive Board Minutes for September were inadvertently omitted from the meeting packets for President Soutier and Vice President Ebeling. In lieu of VP Ebeling reading the minutes, President Soutier presented an off-the-cuff oral report of what happened at the Tuesday, September 13, 2012 Executive Board meeting. Following is a copy of the original meeting minutes:

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Location: Machinists' District No. 9
Thursday, September 13, 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, September 13, 2012.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, John Finder, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Earline Jones, Gary Otten, Scott Ramshaw for Mike O'Mara, Mark Staffne, Patrick White, Don Willey and Dave Zimmermann

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil Jr., Mike Mehringer, Tony Rippetto, Jeff Roorda, Gary Smith, John Stiffler and Mark Woolbright.

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

Ed Finkelstein spoke to the Board about "Souls to the Polls." Ed sees a need for unions and churches to provide rides to the voting stations on Election Day. A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorse the effort.

Roz Sherman Voellinger spoke about the \$Five for the Fight and the need to double check on those applying for help to insure they are union members. The Board suggested having all who apply to have a referral from their union business manager.

Roz also talked about the United Way trap shoot and indicated that we are currently running behind last year. Our goal this year is \$25,000. The Board suggested that President Soutier send out another letter asking for sponsors at the \$250 level and below, with both his name and Dave Zimmermann's on the request. The Board discussed the need to make our goal with the United Way and how important the five labor reps are and how much they help our members.

President Soutier spoke about the Marine Foundation that is honoring George Roman from the Boeing Company at a dinner later this year. Soutier reminded the Board about Mr. Roman's continued support of organized labor and that he was the first management person to stand up and oppose right to work in Missouri with both the legislature and the Chamber of Commerce.

President Soutier asked for approval to send letters to affiliated organizations asking for a donation in Mr. Roman's name to the foundation. A motion was made, seconded and approved to get the letters out.

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The Board suggested that we ask for donations to be sent to the Labor Council and we would send them all together.

Dave Zimmermann motioned to have the Labor Council as well as the Building Trades donate \$500 each to start off with. The motion was passed to do so.

President Soutier read two Labor Club endorsements from the North County Labor Club as follows:

County Council District #2

Kathleen Kelly Burkett

County Council District #4

Mike O'Mara

Soutier stated that the State Federation at this week's convention acted on all COPE endorsements. A new revised list will be out soon.

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

Fraternally



Robert A. Soutier, President

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier thanked everyone for such a good turnout for tonight's meeting as it is the first of the time-change meetings to be held.

Soutier also thanked everyone for their involvement in what was said to be our "best yet" Labor Day parade.

President Soutier mentioned the Union Reps Lunch group which meets once a month at a union restaurant. He encouraged the members of this group to attend our next luncheon scheduled for Thursday, September 20 at the Terraza Grill, where our speaker will be Joe Larrew, a municipal judge in Bridgeton, a lawyer with Diekemper Shinnors P.C. and a NFL official, who will be speaking of the NFL referee lock out.

Soutier mentioned that AFT, Local 420 would be having a rally tomorrow September 19 at 3:30 at the Glaziers Hall.

Soutier also said there would be a press conference held at the Old Courthouse on Friday, September 21, 2012 at 3:00.

President Soutier added that there would be a rally/fundraiser for Governor Jay Nixon on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at IBEW, Local #1 at 5:00 p.m. This is of course the same night as the delegate meeting and would be held prior to that.

COPE REPORT

President Soutier announced the two Labor Club endorsements from the North County Labor Club as follows:

County Council District #2

Kathleen Kelly Burkett

County Council District #4

Mike O'Mara

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Soutier reported the BLS index for August 2012 at 690.113.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Byron Clemens, AFT, Local #420 announced that the teachers strike in Chicago was over and that they would be going back to work tomorrow. He also thanked President Soutier for being a key note speaker at their meeting.

Yvette Goods, IBEW, Local #1, announced a women's rally on October 11, 2012 at 4:00 at Kiener Plaza. Yvette also asked the members to purchase something from the IBEW Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser, which was on display at the hall.

Chico Humes, President GCC/IBT, Local #6-505M said that there would be a walk for Bill Otto at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 22, 2012, meeting at the Schnucks at Dorsett.

Bill Otto came to the microphone and said that he had been working hard in the 70th District knocking on each and every door and would continue to do so until the election.

Gary Otten, Painters District Council #2 invited everyone this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. to their hall for a walk. He stated that their International President would be attending as well as Claire McCaskill's sister.

Bradley Harmon, President CWA, Local #6555 said that they would be walking out of the Painter's Hall every Saturday, as well as doing phone banks daily. He asked for volunteers to help with these endeavors.

Dave Meinell, Local #777/ARA spoke about a DVD he has available.

Ken Truemper, retired member GCC/IBT, Local #6-505M informed everyone of a trivia night to be held on Friday, November 2, 2012 at the University of MO.

Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune remarked that the Tribune is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Ed gave credit to his employees and introduced Dana Spitzer and Tim Rowden. Ed also reported that the Tribune had received a commendation from the National AFL-CIO. Ed offered cake to the members to help celebrate this milestone.

GOOD AND WELFARE

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The community services' drawing was held. Bernie Ryan, IBEW, Local #1 won and 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

September 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
Missouri Public Workers Union, CWA, Local #No. 6355-47 Members
Bradley Harmon

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
Matt Gober
Dan Kloepfel
Yvette Goods
Brian Lavac
Bernie Ryan
Kim Sachse

No. 2 – 600 Members
No. 4 – 296 Members
No. 1439 – 593 Members

Mark Staffne

Doug Mueller

No. 1455 – 650 Members

Elevator Constructors No. 3 - 352 Members

Operating Engineers No. 148 – 1,453 Members

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

Donald Osiek

William Sullivan

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
 Ronny Griffin
No. 660 – 225 Members
Letter Carriers Branch No. 343
 1400 Members
 Mike Chenot
 Gus Frank
 Barry Linan
 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
 Zach Frago
 Steve Gibson
 Chuck Henderson
 Rich Peppers
Tool and Die Lodge No. 688
 167 Members
 Bob Meilink
Automotive Lodge No. 777
 1769 Members
 Calvin Davis
 Dave Meinell
 Joe Moran
 Dennis Schleeper
 Terry Sutton
 Ron Wolff
District 387 – 854 Members
 Ruben Melton
 Larry Parker
District 837 Lodge “A”
 1948 Members
 Sandra Henderson
 Kurt Manns
 Colleen Natoli
 Steve Newell
 Kent Ule
District 837 Lodge “B”
 1465 Members
 Bert Atkins

Production Workers Lodge 1345
 1455 Members
 Robert Soutier
Lodge No. 1745 – 303 Members
Musicians No. 2-197 -543 Members
 Gary Smith
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
 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
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
 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

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

John Becker

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

Merri Berry

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
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