

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
April 16, 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, April 16, 2013.

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 held for David Burns, IBEW, Local #1439 an Ameren Missouri worker who lost his life repairing storm-damaged electrical lines, William Sievert, Operating Engineer's, Local #513 who was killed in a tragic blasting accident, also for those who were killed or injured at the Boston Marathon on Monday.

Also, kept in our prayers was Patrick Duffy the son of Shannon Duffy, Bus Rep for the United Media Guild TNG-CWA #36047 who was injured in an accident the night of the severe storms.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Grant Williams spoke to the group regarding the "Low Wage Workers Organizing" program. He said that they are trying to organize fast food workers in the St. Louis area such as McDonald's, Jimmy John's, and Wendy's. He also asked for our support in this endeavor and for us to attend a rally on May 9th at 4:15 p.m. in the Loop.

Also, the Lutheran Ministries and over 100 religious leaders in the community are backing this endeavor. They are willing to step up and have the backs of these people trying so desperately to get organized. On May 10th, they will be walking these workers back to work to show their unity.

ROLL CALL

Roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Mary Armstrong, Michael Breihan, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, John Finder, Tom George, Michael 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, Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

Excused and Recorded as Present:

AFFILIATIONS

SAG-AFTRA, Local #77 asked to be affiliated with the Labor Council.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow SAG-AFTRA, #77 to join the Council as an affiliate.

SEATING OF DELEGATES

President Soutier called Joseph Holt, and Alex Lange of UFCW, Local #655 to the podium and gave them the oath of office to represent their local union as delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the March 19, 2013 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Ebeling then read the April 2013 Executive Board report as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO Location: Machinists' District No. 9 Thursday, April 11, 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 Thursday, April 11, 2013.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Jeff Aboussie, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Mike Goebel, Steve Hollis, Earline Jones, Pat Kammer, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, John O'Mara, Gary Otten, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Pat White, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Michael Breihan, Tony Rippetto, John Finder, Chico Humes, Gordon King, Tom McNeil Jr., Mike Mehringer, Jeff Roorda, and Dave Zimmermann.

President Soutier introduced Caleb Clemons, West Coast Regional Sales Manager for Marvel, and a union-made office furniture company.

Caleb spoke about Marvel and their 49 year association with Teamsters Local 781 and explained that they are 100% union and made in the USA. Caleb distributed his business card to everyone present and also collected theirs to be able to be available for anyone's office furniture needs.

President Soutier announced that the Paycheck Bill passed out of the Workforce Committee and will be going to the Rules Committee and could be passed by next week. It was mentioned that all communications with the state reps is working and that we should keep up the effort.

It was announced that Tim Jones lost on the Anti-Teacher's Bill 102 to 47.

President Soutier shared some constructive suggestions for future Board meetings which were discussed at a specially held Executive Board meeting on Friday, April 5th. Soutier said that he would accept all suggestions and constructive criticisms that would bring more substance to, or strengthen our Board or labor movement.

It was suggested that a "general agenda" be sent out to the Board a week prior to the meetings, not only reminding the members of the meetings, but also asking them to respond on their attendance and asking if there would be a particular topic that they would like to add to the agenda.

It was also suggested that if any one of the members is engaged in an organizing campaign, that it might be brought up or discussed, because so many times another person may know of someone who could help in your effort.

It was also suggested that we develop lists of who we represent if we have not already done so, and that these lists could be added to the Labor Council website.

President Soutier said that he feels very strongly that the Labor Council is here to represent all unions in the St. Louis area and if there is anything we can do to serve your needs, we will definitely try to do accomplish that goal.

Soutier spoke about a meeting he attended with the “Low Wage Workers Organizing Campaign” and what an uplifting and energizing meeting it was to be able to give these low wage earners a look at what organizing could do for their futures.

President Soutier also proclaimed that it had been voted on at the special April 5th meeting to change the future dates of the Executive Board meetings, beginning with the May 2013 meeting. The Executive Board meetings will now be held on the Monday before the third Tuesday of each month, thereby giving the Labor Clubs a few more days in which to send their recommendations for endorsements to the Board. All Delegate meeting times will remain the same.

It was discussed that a legislative report and a report from Congress may be a good thing at each Board meeting.

The questions of who should actually sit at the Board table and if replacements at Board meetings are acceptable also were in debate. It was decided by the Board that if a Board member cannot attend an Executive Board meeting, a replacement can be sent; however, that replacement is not to sit directly at the table, but sit toward the back of the room and mainly observe. They may have a voice, but not a vote. This replacement person should be briefed by the Board member as to their function, before the meeting.

A “Voter Voice” program was also discussed. A good number of the unions already have such a program up and running and said that they would not be willing to pay for another one. It was also mentioned that you can sign up for this through the AFL-CIO.

President Soutier said that he would have Allen Hug of the Kelley group come to the May meeting to discuss such a program.

Soutier encouraged more participation at the upcoming annual Labor Mass to be held on Sunday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m. at the Shrine of St. Joseph.

Pat Kammer said a few words about William Sievert, one of his Local 513 members, who was killed in the recent quarry accident.

President Soutier announced the request of SAG-AFTRA, Local #77 to become affiliated with the Labor Council.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept them as a new member of the Council.

President Soutier invited everyone to attend the breakfast meeting at Maggie O’Brien’s on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. with the St. Louis Low Wage Worker’s Committee.

Soutier also urged more attendance at the Labor/Faith breakfasts.

Mark Woolbright, IAFF announced that the courts have mandated the city to meet with the IAFF and that this is truly a positive sign for them.

Don Willey, Bus Mgr, Laborer’s Local #110 spoke about the Miner’s candlelight vigil at the Eagleton Building on 10th and Clark on April 29th. He encouraged everyone to send 5 to 10 people.

Dave Cook, President of UFCW, Local 655 advised that he had recently completed a 3-day steward training seminar with a program put together by Laura Granich of Jobs with Justice.

Earline Jones, CWA, Local 6300 thanked everyone for making the Robert O. Kortkamp Humanitarian Award luncheon the great success that it was.

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 April Executive Board report as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Soutier reported on the Unity Table that was held in Jefferson City and the rally he recently attended.

COPE REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President Ebeling reported the BLS index for January 2013 at 689.818

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

After the meeting, a presentation will be given by Don Willey, Business Manager with Laborers, Local #100 on RTW, paycheck deception and other interesting and timely topics.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The Community Service drawing was held twice, once for the 50/50 cash and once for Cardinal baseball tickets.

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

April 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
Earline Jones
Jim Kolve

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
Dan Kloepfel
Brian Lavac
Bernie Ryan
Kim Sachse

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

Michael Yates

No. 513 – 500 Members

Pat Kammer

John Bachinski

Steve Mooney

Andrew Schalk

Federal Labor and Trade Unions

No. 20711 (Advertising, Publicity and Newspaper Representatives)

8 members

Fire Fighters

No. 73 – 434 Members

Ken Walters

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

Michael Congemi

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

No. 53 – 400 Members

No. 110 – 500 Members

Don Willey

Rick Casson

Gary Elliott

Ronny Griffin

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

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

854 Members

Zachary 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 Rippetto

Mark Conner

Calvin Davis

David Meinell

Joe Moran

Dennis Schleeper

Terry Sutton

Ron Wolff

District 837 Lodge “A”

1948 Members

Robert Fritz

Sandra Henderson

Kurt Manns

Steve Newell

Clem Smith

District 837 Lodge “B”

1465 Members

Don Lummus

Production Workers Lodge 1345

1455 Members

Robert Soutier

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

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

Michael Murphy

Healthcare Missouri
– 700 Members
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

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
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
Joseph Holt
Alex Lange
Kevin Ryan

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

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
Sonja Gholston Byrd