

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
January 15, 2013
I.B.E.W., Local #1 Hall

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council was called to order by Vice President John Ebeling at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Vice President Ebeling 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, Michael Breihan, Dave Cook, Nancy Cross, John Finder, Tom George, Earline Jones, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Tom McNeil, Jr., John O'Mara, Gary Otten, Pat White, Tony Rippetto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Don Willey and Mark Woolbright and David Zimmermann.

Excused and Recorded as Present: Michael Goebel, Gordon King, and Mike Mehringer.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held for Patrick White, Sr., father of Pat White, Bus Rep with USW/Gas Workers, Local #11-6 and Kathleen Raush, daughter of Mike O'Connell retired Bus Mgr. of Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local #562 and sister to Mike O'Connell III, Bus Rep at P&P, #562.

AFFILIATIONS

SEATING OF DELEGATES

Vice President Ebeling called John Clark, Andy Schalk, and Steven Mooney of Operating Engineers, Local #513; Clinton McBride, Laborers, Local #110 and Mark Conner Machinists Automotive Lodge, Local #777 to the podium and gave them the oath of office to represent their local unions as delegates to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the December 20, 2012 meeting minutes. Copies of the minutes were available at the entrance of the room.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Location: Machinists' District No. 9
Thursday, January 10, 2013

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, January 10, 2013.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Chico Humes, Jeff Aboussie, Michael Breihan, Dave Cook, John Finder, Tom George, Earline Jones, Pat Kammer, Keith Linderer, Kevin McNatt, Bill Trendley for Tom McNeil Jr., John O'Mara, John Orr, Gary Otten, Tony Rippetto, Gary

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Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Pat White, Jen Stuhlman for Mark Woolbright, Don Willey and Dave Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Nancy Cross, Mike Goebel, Gordon King, and Mike Mehringer.

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

President Soutier gave the oath of office to Pat Kammer, President of Operating Engineers, Local #513 to be seated as a Board member to the St. Louis Labor Council.

President Soutier spoke about the Mardi Gras tent for 2013 and the parade which will be held early this year on Saturday, February 9, 2013. Tickets need to be purchased early for this event.

Soutier talked about a small life insurance policy for the Board members costing quite a lot of money yearly and a motion was made, seconded and approved to discontinue the policy.

President Soutier announced to the Board that he, Dave Cook, Jeff Aboussie and Randy Kaiser have been discussing how personal contact with the legislators seems to get their attention in Jeff City. He said that they are working on plan to get lists of union members in Senatorial districts and then asking those members to write or email their senators. They have devised simple form letters that could be used to simply state to their legislators that they are extremely against "Right-to-Work" in the state of Missouri or discuss other important issues.

Roz Sherman Voellinger informed the Board of the free tax preparation available to some members again this year and handed out a flyer explaining the process.

Roz also talked about the "new" delegate training course that will be set for Tuesday, February 19th at 5:00 at IBEW, Local #1 Hall prior to the 6:30 delegate meeting. All delegates are welcome to attend and learn how to become effective in the role of "delegate."

Karen Lyons thanked everyone for their generosity at the Union Reps Christmas party this year, as over \$15,000 was raised for the \$5 for the Fight Fund and our union members in need.

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 January Executive Board report as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In President Soutier's absence, Vice President John Ebeling gave the President's report.

Ebeling reported that during a conference call by the Executive Board members on Tuesday, January 15th, it was voted on to endorse Francis Slay as mayor of the city of St. Louis.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept this endorsement.

Bill Trendley, delegate with Ironworkers, Local #396 asked to let the record show that this was a unanimous vote.

COPE REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President Ebeling reported the BLS index for November 2012 at 689.693.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tom George, President IBEW, Local #1 recommended that the delegates reconsider the vote that the Fire District purposed at the December delegate meeting, stating that he did not feel comfortable taking the power away from the Labor Clubs.

The vote as stated in the December minutes was as follows:

“President Soutier announced that there was a recommendation from the Board regarding a change with the Labor Clubs and Fire and Ambulance districts. They asked that in Fire Districts and Ambulance Districts, labor clubs will endorse only candidates supplied to them by the IAFF. In return for this, the IAFF will only propose candidates that will commit to build with AFL-CIO contractors and will promote union principals in the workplace.

Should the IAFF not propose a candidate, then the labor club is free to endorse any candidate they choose.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept this change.”

A motion was made, seconded and approved to rescind the original vote made at the December 20th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

Tim Baker with United Mine Workers explained some of the actions they would be taking in the future regarding the Peabody Coal issue. He said that they would be doing extensive TV and radio ads as well as rallies. The first rally is scheduled for January 29th at 9:00 a.m. for approximately 1 ½ hours and the second one on February 13th. The tentative dates for the next two are February 23rd and March 19th. You can view their website at www.fairnessatpatriot.org.

Roz Sherman Voellinger, CWA, Local #6355 and the United Way of Greater St. Louis announced the free tax preparation available again for low to moderate income families. The informational pamphlet was available at the entrance to the room or you can call 211 for information.

Roz also informed everyone of the Delegate Training course scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled delegate meeting. This informational session is geared toward newer delegates, but everyone is invited to attend. Its purpose is to educate and inform delegates on how to gain as much from their role as a delegate as possible. There is no charge for meeting, however, since food will be served, an RSVP is required!

Steve Ellis, AFGI announced that there would be a meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the IAM, District No. 9, located at 12365 St. Charles Rock Road to discuss the hazards of the landfill located in Bridgeton, MO.

Karen Settlemoir, delegate from UFCW, Local 655 informed the group of the Labor and Employment Relations (LERA) membership drive and invited everyone to become a member. Flyers were given out at the entrance of the room.

Dave Meinell, Local 777 and President of MO ARA spoke about "ALEC" the American Legislative Exchange Council and said to inform yourself with information provided at the tables at the entrance to the hall.

Earline Jones, CWA 6300 and President of the Educational Fund of the MO ARA informed the group of the upcoming Robert O. Kortkamp luncheon scheduled for March 20, honoring Johnny Londhoff posthumously.

Rob Russell, Labor Liaison with the University of Missouri said that there will be a 4-day course Arbitration Course beginning on January 28.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DRAWING

The drawing 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".

Robert A. Soutier, President

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January 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
James 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
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
John Clark
Steve Mooney
Andy Schalk

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
Wil Grant

GCC/IBT
International Union
No. 38 N – 100 Members
No. 6-505M – 1240 Members
Chico Humes
Michael Congemi
Donald Osiek

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
Clinton McBride
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
Richard Feldhaus
Michael C. Ribbert
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
Mark Conner
David Meinell
Joe Moran
Mike Musgrove
Dennis Schleeper
Terry Sutton
Ron Wolff
District 837 Lodge “A”
1948 Members
Sandra Henderson
Kurt Manns
Steve Newell

District 837 Lodge “B”
1465 Members
Don Lummus
Production Workers Lodge 1345
1455 Members
Robert Soutier
Ellen Arbogast
Marvin Gray
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
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 – 1138 Members
Jeff Roorda
Benjamin Lacy
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
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
Dave Lalumondier

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

Les Halveland

No. 104 – 10 Members

No. 254C – 10 Members

No. 428 – 5 Members

United Food and Commercial Workers,

No. 655 – 10,965 Members

David Cook

Alex Lange

Dave Politte

Kevin Ryan

Robert Spence

Karen Settlemoir-Berg

**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
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