

St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Official Minutes
March 19, 2013
I.B.E.W., Local #1 Hall

The meeting of the St. Louis Labor Council was called to order by First Vice President John Ebeling, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Vice President Ebeling asked for a moment of silence for Dick Renna, former president of the Musician's Association of St. Louis, Local 2-197 and Betty Aboussie, mother of Jeff Aboussie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Louis Building and Construction Trades Council.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

SEATING OF DELEGATES

Vice President Ebeling called Frank Jacobs, I.B.E.W, Local #1 to the podium and gave him the oath of office to represent his local union as a delegate to the St. Louis Labor Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the February 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 March 2013 Executive Board report as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT
St. Louis Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Location: Machinists' District No. 9
Thursday, March 14, 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, March 14, 2013.

A roll call of officers disclosed the following: **Present:** Robert Soutier, John Ebeling, Jeff Aboussie, Nancy Cross, Tom George, Earline Jones, Pat Kammer, Kevin McNatt, Mike O'Laughlin for John O'Mara, Tony Rippeto, Gary Smith, Mark Staffne, John Stiffler, Don Willey and Ernie Angelbeck for Dave Zimmermann.

Excused and recorded as present: Mary Armstrong, Michael Breihan, Dave Cook, John Finder, Mike Goebel, Chico Humes, Gordon King, Keith Linderer, Tom McNeil Jr., Mike Mehringer, Gary Otten, Jeff Roorda, Pat White, and Mark Woolbright.

Also present were Roz Sherman Voellinger and Amy Phillips of the United Way; Ed Finkelstein, Labor Tribune; Steve Hollis, AFGE; Michael Kelley, UFCW, Local 655, Grant Williams, SEIU, and his guest Rasheen, a food service worker; and Karen Lyons with the Labor Council.

President Soutier called the meeting to order and introduced Michael Kelley to speak to the group about Proposition P.

Mike explained what Prop P was all about and asked for the support of the Labor Council on this issue. He said that Gateway Rivers Greenway will be putting \$400M dollars of reconstruction on the Arch grounds with 100% union labor. This project would bolster the Arch area with the reconstruction of the Arch entrance, museum and grounds as well as making it more accessible to patronage, provide a public gathering space, a new amphitheater, and in general make the downtown area a place for tourists to come and spend some time. One third of this money would go back into city and county parks, while another third would be available for municipal parks to apply for grants for repairs and improvements.

Jeff Aboussie, Sec-Treas. of the St. Louis Building and Construction Trades Council noted that the Building Trades had also endorsed this project.

There was a motion for support of Proposition P; the motion was seconded and approved.

President Soutier then introduced Grant Williams who spoke about a National Campaign to organize new union members concentrating on fast food workers and SEIU members with the backing of SEIU. They said that while not directly attacking certain stores, such as McDonalds and Jimmy John's they would instead by concentrating on certain areas. Their target areas to begin would be inside Highway 270, a large portion of North County, parts of the city and the central corridor. They would like to show the difference for instance of someone's wages and working conditions working at a non-union store compared to say a Schnuck's employee working for a union. Rasheen then spoke to the group about his wages and working conditions at Jimmy John's.

Grant also said that right now this information is for the unions only – they do not want to go public with it at this time.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to back this effort.

Jeff Aboussie announced that Tim Green resigned yesterday (3/13/13) from his seat on the Board of the MO State Building Trades. Senator Gina Walsh, a member of Insulators & Asbestos Worker's, Local #1, will be running for this spot with the full support of the Labor Council.

Earline Jones, CWA, Local 6300, asked Jeff Aboussie if it would be possible to have a conversation regarding the CWA joining the Building Trades Council.

Aboussie said that he would be more than willing to sit down and have that conversation whenever she wanted; however, he knew of no other Trades Council in the country who has a CWA affiliate.

President Soutier next introduced Steve Hollis to the Board, saying that he has told Steve that he is invited to sit in on any Board meeting he likes in the future, and that he is in the process of asking the National AFL-CIO if he could expand the number of Board members allowed.

Steve informed the group of what sequestration would mean to all of us. He asked everyone to get involved and contact their representatives and senators and urge them to stop sequestration. He also asked for a real show of support and involvement in the National Day of Protest scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. at Senator Blunt's office located at 7700 Bonhomme, Clayton, MO.

President Soutier read the following Labor Club COPE recommendations:

Labor Club Recommendations for April 2013 Election

South St. Louis County Labor Political Organization - Recommendations

Bayless School District	Kevin Rose
Hancock School Board	Kevin S. Johnson (IBEW #1)
Lindbergh School District	Adam McBride (LIUNA) Cindy McDaniel
St. Louis Community College	Allison Stenger
Mehlville Fire Board	Mike Klund
Afton Fire Board	OPEN
Grantwood Village Trustee	Steve Kohlberg (Steamfitters #439)

Tri County Labor Club - Recommendations

Wentzville School District Board of Directors	Dale Schaper Sandy Fitzgerald
Wright City School District Board of Directors	Austin Jones Mary E. Groeper
Francis Howell School District Board of Directors	Dr. Cynthia Bice Amy McEvoy

Tri County Labor Club – Recommendations – (Continued)

Orchard Farms School District Board of Directors	Kenny Biermann Donald “Joe” Bushdiecker
City of St. Peters – Ward 3	OPEN
City of St. Charles – Ward 6	Jerry Reese
City of St. Charles – Ward 7	Dave Beckering
City of St. Charles – Ward 8	Rod Hermann
City of St. Charles – Ward 9	Ron Stivison
City of St. Charles – Ward 10	Bridget Ohmes
City of O’Fallon – Mayor	Bill Hennessey
City of O’Fallon – Ward 1	Rick Lucas
City of O’Fallon – Ward 2	Jim Pepper
City of O’Fallon – Ward 3	Richard Battelle
City of O’Fallon – Ward 4	Jeff Schwentker
City of O’Fallon – Ward 5	Jeff Houston
City of Cottleville – Mayor	Don Yarber
City of Cottleville – Ward 2	Robert Ronkoski
City of Wentzville – Judge	Steve Martin
City of Wentzville – Ward 1	Robert Hussey
City of Wentzville – Ward 3	Michael Hayes
City of Wentzville - Fire Board	Bob Mainieri
City of Troy – Ward 2	Lisa Anderson
City of Troy Ward 3 – (2 Year)	Dennis Detert
City of Troy Ward 3 – (1 Year)	Ron Walters

Tri County Labor Club – Recommendations – (Continued)

Lake St. Louis – Mayor
Lake St. Louis – Ward 3

Ralph Sidebottom
John Pellerito

Winfield – Mayor

Art Wickman

St. Charles Ambulance Board – District 2
St. Charles Ambulance Board – District 4

Raymond “Bud” Bauer
Jim Hoisington

St. Louis City Labor Club – Recommendations

St. Louis City Mayor – Incumbent

Francis G. Slay – D

St. Louis City Comptroller – Incumbent

Darlene Green – D

Alderman Ward 1 – Incumbent

Sharon Tyus – D

Alderman Ward 3 - Incumbent

Freeman Bosley – D

Alderman Ward 5

Tamika Hubbard – D

Alderman Ward 6

Christine Ingrassia – D

Alderman Ward 7 – Incumbent

Phyllis J. Young – D

Alderman Ward 9 – Incumbent

Kenneth A. Ortmann – D

Alderman Ward 11 – Incumbent

Thomas A. Villa – D

Alderman Ward 13 – Incumbent

Alfred J. Wessels, Jr. – D

Alderman Ward 15 – Incumbent

Jennifer A. Florida – D

Alderman Ward 17 – Incumbent

Joseph D. Roddy – D

Alderman Ward 19 – Incumbent

Marlene E. Davis – D

Alderman Ward 21 – Incumbent

Antonio D. French – D

Alderman Ward 23 – Incumbent

Joseph A. Vaccaro, Jr. – D

Alderman Ward 25 – Incumbent

Shane P. Cohn – D

Alderman Ward 27 – Incumbent

Wille C. Carter, III – D

St. Louis Community College Board of Trustee’s
Sub-District #3

Allison Stenger

St. Louis City Elected School Board

Andrew Wimmer

St. Louis City Elected School Board

Bill Monroe

St. Louis City Elected School Board

Susan Jones

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

President Soutier spoke about being at the Nurses informational picket on Monday, March 11 at SLU Hospital on Grand and Vista.

Soutier also mentioned that he had been on a conference call with several union members and Hugh McVey, President of the Missouri AFL-CIO talking about what is going on in Jefferson City.

Soutier said that there was an article in the newspaper that explains very well what is happening in Jeff City. (Copies of this article are on the tables at the entrance of the room if you’d like to read it).

Don Willey, Bus. Mgr. Laborer’s, Local #110 spoke about hand-billing and door-knocking every Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00 and 4:00 to 7:00 in Speaker of the House, Tim Jones’ area. He said this was being referred to as the “Ring of Fire,” which describes them honing in on the people in Jones’ area, while not

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going right at Tim Jones personally. They are simply letting the people living there know what is going on in Jefferson City. And while trying to reach everyone in Labor, they are also targeting women and senior citizens.

President Soutier said that the Immigration Seminar at the Painter's Hall was very well attended and very informational.

Earline Jones thanked everyone for their support of the Robert O. Kortkamp Memorial Award luncheon.

Don Willey also commented that he would like to do a presentation at the April Delegate meeting, which encompasses RTW and Prevailing Wage information. He would like to present this program not only to the delegates, but ask that we invite spouses, children and friends of each member to attend also. He said that the program takes about an hour to an hour and a half and will be open to questions and discussions.

John Ebeling reminded everyone again of the Union Labor Mass coming up on Sunday, May 5th at the Shrine of St. Joseph in St. Louis, celebrating the lives of union members who have passed away in the last year and the brunch following at Maggie O'Brien's. Please contact the Labor Council office for more information or go to the Council's website.

Ed Finkelstein informed the group that the International Labor Commerce Association (ILCA) would be having their quarterly meeting in St. Louis on June 19 & 20.

Gary Smith sadly announced that Dick Renna passed away yesterday. Dick was the former president of the Musicians Association of St. Louis, Local #2-197 from 1983 to 2003 and was his friend and mentor, as well as a wonderful musician and person and he will be deeply missed.

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

Fraternally



Robert A. Soutier, President

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the March Executive Board report as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

COPE REPORT

Vice President Ebeling read the above COPE recommendations from the March 14th Executive Board Meeting. (See above)

Motions were made, seconded and approved to accept the recommendations as endorsements of the St. Louis Labor Council.

Ebeling spoke about the Mine Workers rally on Peabody Coal that was held this morning, and commented on what a great speech Cecil B. Roberts, president of the International Mine Workers gave. John said that there were over 15 bus loads of people attending from all over the country.

Vice President Ebeling then read a summary of the 2007 Peabody/Patriot spinoff.

There was a motion to have a unanimous show of support for the Mine Workers. The motion was seconded and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Bryon Clemmons, AFT, Local #420 spoke about the burden those public employees are under. SB215 passed in the Senate, but needs our help on the House side. This bill would take away seniority of St. Louis teachers.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Steve Hollis, AFGE asked for support of the "Repeal Sequestration" rally at Senator Blunt's office at 7700 Bonhomme, in Clayton on Wednesday, March 20th @ 4:15 p.m.

Mike Murphy, Jobs with Justice asked for support of a press conference on the steps of City Hall on Friday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m. to raise the Minimum Wage and also support of the "Freedom Dinner" on Tuesday, March 26th at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Pam Stepney, Letter Carriers asked for a show of support at a rally on Sunday, March 24th from 1:00 to 3:00 at the downtown Post Office regarding keeping Post Offices open on Saturdays.

Don Willey, Business Manager, Laborers, Local #110 asked for support of the Mine Workers and also asked that we get our spouses, children of voting age, neighbors and friends to attend a special presentation on RTW, and Wage and Paycheck deception at our next delegate meeting on April 16th.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

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,

John Ebeling, Vice President

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March 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
Lou Cunningham
Matt Gober
Yvette Goods
Frank Jacobs
Dan Kloepfel
Bernie Ryan

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

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

Michael Diefenbach

Michael C. Ribbert

Larry Williams

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 Rippeto

Calvin Davis

David Meinell

Joe Moran

Dennis Schleeper

Terry Sutton

District 837 Lodge “A”

1948 Members

Robert Fritz

Sandra Henderson

Kurt Manns

Steve Newell

District 837 Lodge “B”

1465 Members

Don Lummus

Production Workers Lodge 1345

1455 Members

Robert Soutier

James Dees

Michael Ringo

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

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 – 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

Daniel Dyer

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
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
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
Dave Lalumondier
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
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

**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