

Delegate Meeting Minutes

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Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

November 21, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by Sandra Falwell, Metro Washington Council 3rd Vice-President, in the absence of the President who was out of town.

New Delegates Sworn in: Frank Silberstein AFGE 2782, Doug Jacob, UNITE/HERE 23, Daniel Blumenthal AFSCME 3870, Council 26

Minutes of October meeting moved, seconded and approved.

Financial report for September was moved, seconded and received.

Executive Board Report: Vice-President Falwell reported that the Board had approved, via conference call on 11/17/11, two resolutions for the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO Convention held 11/18- 19 at the National Labor College: Early endorsement of Congresswoman Donna Edwards (D-MD 4) and support for the Maryland Marriage Equity Act. Both of these resolutions were approved at the convention.

Community Services Agency Report: Director Kathleen McKirchy reminded the delegates about the United Way, DC ONE Fund and Combined Federal Campaigns now ongoing in worksites around the area and she encouraged delegates to take materials so their members know CSA can be designated when they make contributions. She reminded the delegates that the Holiday Basket Project is now underway and non-perishable food, gift cards and funds are all being collected. She thanked AFGE 2782 which collected 10 boxes of food and \$285 in gift cards which, combined with 4 boxes from OPEIU Local 2 members at the National Electrical Benefits Fund, were donated to Teamsters 639 for dispersal to the 14 families still not returned to work at Daycon. She also alerted folks to the Annual "Bowling for Gold" Union Bowling Tournament to be held Sunday, January 29, 2012. It is a fundraiser for the Emergency Assistance Fund.

Union Cities/Mobilization Report: Vice-President Falwell advised all to keep an eye on "Union City" for updates on December activities including a big Tent City by SEIU/OurDC at the US Capitol December 5-9.

COPE Report: Staff being on vacation, CSA Director McKirchy asked Steve Courtien, WBCTC, to update the delegates on the recent pro-labor legislation passed by the Prince George's County Council. He indicated that the County Council unanimously supported Project Labor Agreements on major county-funded projects, which helps ensure that union trades have jobs and can continue to take in new apprentices. He also reported that the DC City Council will be holding a hearing November 30 at which the trades will be testifying on the Workplace Fraud bill. This bill would prohibit employers from mis-classifying workers to get out of paying appropriate wages, payroll taxes, workers' compensation etc. The Metro Washington Council, AFL-CIO will submit written testimony in support of this legislation.

Reports of Local and Constituency Groups:

Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU, reported on the upcoming annual Shoe Box wrapping event to be held Saturday, December 10 at 11am at CWA Headquarters. These boxes of personal care items will be donated to Strive and to Occupy DC. All are encouraged to come and help.

Nathan Saunders, WTU 6, reported that their local has filed a Writ of Mandamus against the City and the Mayor to compel their compliance with the laws and regulations governing the DC Office of Employee Appeals. While the law calls for cases to be adjudicated within 120 days, it is now taking as long as three years for cases to be heard, partially as a result of some cuts in funding under the Fenty Administration. He encouraged locals to file Amicus briefs to support this effort, as all DC government

workers are affected, and indicated information is available on the WTU 6 website.

Roosevelt Littlejohn, NFFE/IAM, updated the delegates on the situation with the workers employed by the business improvement districts in DC. Management has been thwarting unionization efforts. Because these are funded partially with taxpayer funds, the have requested that Councilmember Michael Brown hold a public hearing on this issue. He also encourages anyone who sees one of the workers on the street to offer their encouragement.

Sandra Falwell, DCNA reported on the recent activities at various Occupy sites around the country. Medical tents and supplies are being destroyed, some nurses were arrested in New York, but they will continue the fight. She thanked everyone for their support of these efforts. William Linehan, IUEC 10, asked about the Baltimore petitions to the City to encourage them not to disband Occupy Baltimore and while no one had information about this it was stated that the powers that be in DC so far are working with the Occupy DC folks.

Kendall Martin, Iron Workers Local 5, reported on an activity that was conducted by the Painters and Iron Workers last week that involved a press conference under the South Capital Street bridge to encourage appropriations for this and other needed infrastructure work. The press conference was attended by Congresswoman Norton (D-DC), Iron Workers President Walter Wise, and Painters Secretary-Treasurer George Galis. That day funds were appropriated for the bridge.

David Richardson, AFGE 12, reported that in DC the primaries for City Council seats up in 2012 will be in April meaning we will have to start the endorsement process right after the holidays. He reported that AFGE Council 1 met with Renee Bowser, a

Democrat and labor attorney who will be challenging the Ward 4 incumbent Muriel Bowser.

Dan Fields, SEIU 722, gave an update on their contract negotiations at the Washington Hospital Center, which have ended with a contract that includes 2% increases in each of three years retroactive to July 1, 2011. The union was able to stop management efforts to set up a system that would have eroded paid time off. He thanked everyone, especially the nurses, for their support.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Submitted by Dena Briscoe, Secretary

ATTENDANCE:

Board members: Sandra Falwell DCNA, Dwight Bowman AFGE Dt 14, Kendall Martin Iron Workers Local 5, Riley Gaines IBEW Local 26, Nathan Saunders WTU 6, Katherine Taylor 1199 SEIU

Delegates:

Dan Blumenthal, AFSCME 3870
John Brasseux, IATSE 22
Avis Buchanan, AFGE 2782
Cory Bythrow, NFFE
Carl Carson, Cement Masons 891
Stephen Courtien, WBCTC
Rick Ehrmann, TNG/CWA 35
Sandra Falwell, DCNA
Daniel Fields, SEIU 722
Riley Gaines, IBEW 26
Doug Jacob, UNITE/HERE 23
Gwend Johnson, DC CBTU
Eleanor Lauderdale, AFGE 12
Geri Lee, NNU NCR
Roosevelt Littlejohn, IAM CE1
William Linehan, IUEC 10
Kendall Martin, Iron Workers 5
Calvin Lucas, 1199 SEIU
Elaine Newman, NCAUR
William Preston, AFGE 17
David Richardson, AFGE 12
Franklin Silberstein, AFGE 2782
Lourdes Rivera, 1199 SEIU
Katherine Taylor, 1199 SEIU
Lisa Wallace, 1199 SEIU

Staff: Kathleen McKirchy, CSA