

Executive Board Minutes

Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO

September 18, 2006

Meeting called to order by president Williams at 4:15P

Minutes for Meeting of July 17 approved.

Financial report for August 2006 received.

Correspondence
(Board actions in bold)
Requests for Money

1: From IUEC Local 10, requesting participation in their 3rd Annual fund-raising Golf Outing at Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville, MD on October 20. **\$350 for green sponsorship.**

2: From the Women's Law Center of Maryland, asking for participation in their Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony October 25 in Baltimore. Awardees are Attorney General Joseph Curran, State Senator Sharon Grosfeld and our own Wendy Kahn from Zwerdling, Paul, Kahn and Wolly PC, the attorney for several public sector unions here. Tickets are \$65. Ads are full page \$750, half page \$500, quarter page \$300. **\$200 contribution in the name of Wendy Kahn**

3. From the National Consumers League for their Trumpeter Award Dinner October 5 at the Washington Club. Tickets are \$200 each.

4. From MD Senator Brian Frosh for a contribution for a fundraising event.

5. From the UFCW Minority Coalition for participation in the 8th Annual Ball to raise funds for community services

projects. **\$500 for a ½ page ad**

6. From Prince George's County Sheriff Michael Jackson, for participation in a fundraiser which was held 9/17/06. **\$300 corporate sponsor with a letter to him explaining that he should have other categories besides "corporate"**
Total expenditures approved \$1350.

Thank you's

1. From MD Delegate Sue Kullen, thanking the Council for its financial support and expressing excitement of returning to Annapolis to fight for working families

2. From the Central Maryland AFL-CIO, thanking the Council for financially supporting their annual Labor Day ad in the Hagerstown Herald-Mail

3. From the National Labor College, thanking the Council for its contribution for the capital campaign for the Kirkland Center.

4. From MD State's Attorney Glenn Ivey, thanking the Council for endorsing his candidacy.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to fill existing board vacancies in this way: To replace Frannie Olshefski as First Vice-President, Gino Renne (UFCW 1994); to replace Renne as 3rd Vice-President, Sandra Falwell (DCNA); to replace Falwell as a general board member, Chuck Graham (IBEW 26).

The rest of the meeting was taken up with discussions about the primary election results and Labor 2006.

Craig Simpson handed out a report for results in Maryland, outlining successes and failures and identifying participant unions and volunteers. Rick Powell handed out a similar report for DC (see attached reports)

Naomi Walker, AFL-CIO Political Department and Deryk Spooner, Maryland Labor 2006 Coordinator, outlined the AFL-CIO plan for Labor 2006. Unified campaigns with the CTW locals critical, 30 states have been targeted including statewide as well as general assembly races in some states, and that volunteer recruitment has been hard everywhere. The Labor 2006 plan includes 4 elements: worksite mobilization, local union mailings in local union envelopes, local phone calling and neighborhood labor-2-neighbor walks. 130 labor coordinators have been recruited from locals in MD and they will meet 9/19/06 at the Meany Center.

Ms. Walker explained that since the CTW unions are not part of the AFL-CIO, they have to be charged by law for political services from the federation. This was worked out in an agreement months ago. Some of the CTW unions are now charging their

Present: Gino Renne, Bob Campbell, Linda Bridges, Lou Cernak, Sonny Reed, Mark Federici, Merle Cuttitta, Doris Reed, Sandra Falwell, Gene Pinder, Mike Golash, Fred Allen, Randolph Scott
Excused: Roxie Herbekian, Dan Dyer, Jerry Lozupone, George Johnson, Nathan Saunders, Archie Smith
Absent: John Boardman, Carl Goldman, Thomas Ratliff, Eric Bunn, Jim Pappas
Staff: Rick Powell, Craig Simpson, Kathleen McKirchy
Guests: Naomi Walker, AFL-CIO Political and Field Mobilization Dept and Deryk Spooner, Maryland Labor 2006 Coordinator

locals thousands of dollars to cover the cost of the list generations, research, personalized mailings etc.

Discussion centered around several concerns:
· The bulk of the area campaigns for the primary for the AFL-CIO operation were carried out by CTW local unions. Having carried the AFL-CIO campaign, why should they now have to pay for the privilege to their national unions in addition to having paid for staff leave time, generation of volunteers, contributions to the MWC for its operation etc
· Several local unions do not want to work with the Maryland State and DC AFL-CIO, and prefer that that entity focus elsewhere in the state for

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its programs.

· The fact that the AFL-CIO Labor 2006 effort and the state federation ran conflicting programs and neighborhood walks at the same time as those scheduled by the MWC reduced effectiveness of both.

· Relative to staffers of national unions, top down support for the effort, including letting them off to volunteer, and allowing them to wear their own local union t-shirts, is critical for this group of workers.

Most CTW locals indicated that they wanted to support the MWC campaign and would, but would not support Labor 2006 in its entirety as currently structured. After much discussion, it was determined that President Williams will call Karen Ackerman, Director, AFL-CIO Political Department to see if something can be worked out, including the possibility that an area including Montgomery County and Prince George's County are "carved out" from the Labor 2006 operation and activities are managed and operated by the MWC in those areas.

Craig Simpson and Rick Powell then indicated that further endorsement actions and recommendations are necessary for the general election.

The Board approved the following recommendations:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ENDORSEMENTS

Delegate to House (At Large): Eleanor Holmes Norton
Mayor: Adrian Fenty
Council Chair: Vincent Gray
Council (At Large): Phil Mendelson
Council 1: Jim Graham
Council 3: Mary Cheh
Council 5: Harry Thomas Jr.
Council 6: Tommy Wells
Shadow Senator (At Large):

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LOCAL OFFICE ENDORSEMENTS

Executive: Ike Leggett
Council 1: Howie Denis
Council 2: Mike Knapp
Council 3: No Recommendation
Council 5: Valerie Ervin
Council At Large: No Recommendation
Council At Large: George Leventhal
Council At Large: Duchy Trachtenburg
Council At Large: Marc Elrich
State Atty (At Large): John McCarthy
Sheriff (At Large): Ray Kight
Clerk of Court (At Large): No Recommendation
School Board (At Large): Shirley Brandman
School Board 1: No Recommendation
School Board 3: No Recommendation
School Board 5: Nancy Navarro

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LOCAL OFFICE ENDORSEMENTS

Executive: No Recommendation
Council 1: Tom Dernoga
Council 2: Will Campos
Council 3: Eric Olson
Council 4: Ingrid Turner

pending outcome of provisional ballots
Council 5: David Harrington
Council 6: Sam Dean
Council 7: Camille Exum
Council 8: Tony Knotts
Council 9: No Recommendation
State Atty: (At Large): Glenn Ivey
Sheriff (At Large): Michael Jackson
Clerk of Ct. (At Large): No Recommendation
Register of Wills (At Large): Ceretta Lee
School Board 1: Rosalind Johnson
School Board 2: Heather Iliff
School Board 3: Patricia Fletcher
School Board 4: Steve Morris
School Board 5: Owen Johnson
School Board (At Large): Howard Stone
School Board (At Large): Nate Thomas
School Board (At Large): Jeana Jacobs
School Board (At Large): No Recommendation

CHARLES COUNTY LOCAL OFFICE ENDORSEMENTS

President (At Large): Wayne Cooper
Commissioner 1: Kathy Kazimer pending outcome of provisional ballots
Commissioner 2: Edith Patterson
Commissioner 3: Reuben Collins
Commissioner 4: Gary Hodge
Sheriff: No Recommendation

CALVERT COUNTY LOCAL OFFICE ENDORSEMENTS

Commissioner (At Large): Dixie Miller
Commissioner (At Large): Wilson Parran
State's Attorney: Gregory

Wells
Sheriff: No Recommendation
ST. MARY'S COUNTY LOCAL OFFICE ENDORSEMENTS

Commissioner 1: Elfreda Talbert Mathis
Sheriff: David Zylak

STATE LEGISLATIVE ENDORSEMENTS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
District 14
Senate: No Endorsement
Delegate: Herman Taylor
Delegate: Anne Kaiser
Delegate: Karen Montgomery

District 15
Senate: Rob Garagiola
Delegate: Kathleen Dumais
Delegate: Brian Feldman
Delegate: Jean Cryor

District 16
Senate: Brian Frosh
Delegate: Bill Bronratt
Delegate: Susan Lee
Delegate: Marilyn Goldwater

District 17
Senate: Jennie Forehand
Delegate: Kumar Barve
Delegate: Lou Simmons
Delegate: Jim Gilchrist

District 18
Senate: Rich Madaleno
Delegate: Ana Sol Gutierrez
Delegate: Jane Lawton
Delegate: Jeff Waldstreicher
pending outcome of provisional ballots

District 19
Senate: Mike Lennett
Delegate: Hank Heller
Delegate: Roger Manno
Delegate: No Recommendation pending outcome of provisional ballots

District 20
Senate: Jaimin Raskin
Delegate: Sheila Hixson
Delegate: Heather Mizeur
Delegate: Tom Hucker

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Delegate: James Proctor

District 39
Senate: No Endorsement
Delegate: Nancy King
Delegate: Charley Barkley
Delegate: Saqib Ali

District 47
Senate: Gwendolyn Britt
Delegate: Doyle Niemann
Delegate: Victor Ramirez
Delegate: Jolene Ivey

PRINCE GEORGE'S
COUNTY
District 21
Senate: Jim Rosapepe
Delegate: Barbara Frush
Delegate: Ben Barnes
Delegate: No Recommendation

TRI-COUNTY
District 27b
Delegate: Sue Kullen

District 22
Senate: Paul Pinsky
Delegate: Tawanna Gaines
Delegate: Justin Ross
Delegate: Anne Healey

District 28
Senate: Thomas "Mac" Middleton
Delegate: Peter Murphy
Delegate: No Recommendation
Delegate: No Recommendation

District 23
Senate: Douglas Peters

District 29
Senate: Roy Dyson

District 23A
Delegate: James Hubbard
Delegate: Gerron Levi

District 29a
Delegate: No Recommendation

District 23B
Delegate: Marvin Holmes

District 29b
Delegate: John Bohanan

District 24
Senate: Nathaniel Exum
Delegate: Carolyn Howard
Delegate: Michael Vaughn
Delegate: Joanne Benson

District 29c
Delegate: Norma Powers

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7PM.

District 25
Senate: Ulysses Currie
Delegate: Dereck Davis
Delegate: Melony Griffith
Delegate: Aisha Braveboy

District 26
Senate: Anthony Muse
Delegate: Veronica Turner
Delegate: Kris Valderrama
Delegate: No recommendation pending outcome of provisional ballots

District 27
Senate: No Recommendation

District 27A
Delegate: Joe Vallario
