

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL
DELEGATES MEETING
MINUTES

October 26, 2021

Scheduled: 5-7PM (**Actual meeting time:** 5:PM – 6:PM)

Call to Order and Welcome: President Forester

Code of Conduct: Chris Garlock

(President Forester put out a solicitation for another person that is interested to be trained in Code of Conduct)

Approval of Minutes: Lisa Blackwell-Brown

Motion – Richard Murphy

Motion Seconded – Greg Bowen

No Discussion

Call the Question

Motions Passes – unanimously

Presentation of Financial Statement: Eric Bunn

- Statement of Financial Position as of 9/30/2021
 - Current assets = \$1.6 million
 - Accounts receivables, to include grants and other receivables = \$33,000
 - Total fixed assets, pre-paid assets = \$1.668 million
 - Total liabilities = \$424,000 (Total net assets = \$1.24 million)
 - Need to separate out money that deals with CAP, as dollars are restricted only for CAP; accumulate the cost of running CAP at the end of the year and transfer it over instead of doing it monthly
- Statement of Activity ended 9/30/2021
 - Per capita for September is about \$1,500 down
 - Per capita = \$500,000
 - Other income received from CAP and fundraising = \$835,000
 - Expenditures = \$763,000
 - Change in net assets of about \$71,000
- Statement by Activities
 - Suggestion to exclude CAP money from MWC money so we know the exact amounts for MWC
 - Total revenue is \$835,000 (excluding CAP, its \$571,000)
 - Expenditures = supplies, liabilities; change in net assets = 71,567 (excluding CAP, \$70,886); if CAP was getting the money they were supposed to be getting, they would be ahead by about \$114,000, if DC was paying the way they were supposed to being paid
- Statement of Activity by month ended 9/30/3031
 - Revenues are up and down depending on the month; down in revenue

- CAP is also down; only received monies in June and August = \$263,000
- Solidarity grant is not shown
- Change in net assets = \$71,567
- Solidarity grant = budgeted \$50,000 and haven't received anything
- **Budget vs. Actual**
 - MWC is down; however, waiting on certain money to come in and be accounted for in this budget cycle
 - Total revenue for actual is about \$835,000; budgeted \$704,000, which gives a variance of \$131,000
- No expenditure in budget for EWL; now equates to a fundraiser, use to be demarcated as a liability; all of the funds that have been received for EWL will show-up as fundraising revenue in November (right now a deferred revenue item); EWL budget = \$178,625

Motion to Accept the Financial Report and submit it to the Audit Committee for review – Michael Spiller

Motion Seconded – Ms. McCoy

Calling the Question

Motion to Accept the Financial Report and submit it to the Audit Committee for review – passes unanimously

President's Report: President Forester

- GOTV in NOVA – requesting that staff participate; was able to be there; Virginia Diamond put a plug in for supporting the NOVA Labor Council
- Redistricting – was seen as an unfair process in Prince Georges County, felt it wasn't transparent; concerns with how things were done; what's happening around Ward 6, 7, 8; special session very early in December
- Spoke at the Maryland NAACP conference
- Started a Courageous Conversation series to talk about difficult topics; had an event last Friday to discuss the uptick of violence in the community; Council member McDuffie was asked to be a part of the program prior to making the announcement that he was running for AG; well- attended and very diverse; was a donated space and didn't pay for anything; Chris live streamed it was a very good conversation
- attended the first opening of the American Jobs Center; also attended an event with that encourages youth to play to keep them from violence with Councilmember Calvin Hawkins; States Attorney Braveboy had a concert
- Evening with Labor – sending out one last push to get folks to confirm participation; COVID protocols will consist of presenting a vaccination card or a recent negative test

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

COPE – David Stephen

- Phone banking opportunities in Northern VA
- Has met with political directors of several of our affiliates over the last three weeks; full calendar for elections in 2022
- COPE committees have met over the last month where they have finalized drafts for the calendar; labor school forums are among what has been finalized; will be having a labor education forum and sharing labor issues with candidates that are aspiring to run in 2022; a forum to share labor-specific issues

- DC Statehood – Ann Hoffman – not as imminent as once thought; had a great rally last Saturday; was a bike ride from WVA to DC; lead sponsor of a letter to Sen. Gary Peters asking him to markup the statehood bill
- Rank Choice Voting – Chuck Clay – a proposal in the district for voting for 2024; had a spirited debate/discussion on October 20th; basically, get five bites at the apple, no outright winner; the losing vote is dropped and those votes are moved to the second choice; noted pros and cons; subcommittee main consensus is that no position be taken going forward and just see how it shakes out
- Director Confirmation – nomination of Everett Lott as the full-time Director of Department of Transportation (imminently qualified); had his hearing this morning; had an opportunity to speak with Union brothers and sisters that are under the jurisdiction of DDOT; will continue those conversations
- Redistricting – MWC’s position on this matter; will be a contentious exercise as things have changed dramatically due to population growth; MWC is not making specific recommendations at this time, but did make a commitment to the Chair of the Committee to continue monitoring the process; have placed the remaining hearing dates on the COPE calendar
- Student Loan Bill – testified on the bill; looking to give student loan borrowers consumer protections that are in place in various other consumer-driven areas
- Laura Fuchs – legislation on the mayoral control of DC schools; the proposed bill has to do with Office State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) – act as the state agency when it comes to the education system; two proposals – one would make the office independent but the Mayor would still select the person; other proposal would make OSSE independent of the Mayor and would have the superintendent selected by the State Board of Education and give them oversight power of OSSE (truly separate from the Mayor’s control); DCPS would still be under the Mayor’s control but a step in the right direction

Union Cities: Chris Garlock

- Can now buy Nabisco but not Kellogg; Nabisco workers won their national strike
- Chuck Clay – **Local 22** – Kennedy Center – took a strike vote as they were seeking to rollback a number of financial advancements in their contracts; retained two staff positions, and gained two staff positions; did not lose any wages but did take a freeze in 2020; 2.5% increase; 1% increase to healthcare plan; Movie Industry – seeking better pay for lower wage earners and quality time; now a 10-hour turnaround time for working

CAP staff and CSA staff are not available for this meeting but will be at the top of the schedule for the next Delegate meeting.

President Forester – Building Trades has a clay shoot to raise money for the diabetic foundation; have supported it every year at the lowest level (\$350)

Motion to Make the Donation to Support Clay Shoot – Ann Hoffman

Motion Seconded – Roxie Mejia

Calling the Question

No Discussion

Motion Passes – unanimously

Ann Hoffman – on behalf of the CSA, reminder that there will be a Night with the Washington Football Team; CSA gets \$10 of unrestricted money for every ticket sold; Washington Football Team vs. Seattle Seahawks

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Elizabeth Tang – National Women’s Law Center United/**NPEU/ Local 70** – MWC has not supported the Defund the Police campaign to date; will permit individuals/groups that want to bring it to the group have the ability to do that; goal is to reduce the DCP \$500 million annual budget to half and allocate those funds to systems that will truly keep people safe; President Forester has a conversation scheduled to discuss how MWC can support a platform around this topic

Affiliate Updates

Saul S. – CSA plug and working with Letycia to raise funds for the federal campaign; would like to be on the CSA board

Thomas Blanton – Bethesda African American Coalition – cemeteries are in trouble; working with the African-American cemetery on River Road; this is a national crisis; particular crisis in developed areas; won a court case to stop the sale of the Moses Cemetery in Bethesda; have a conference on October 30th; wants to work with MWC to develop legislation and contribute to the cause; resolution coming from the African American Civil War Museum to get Congressional Gold Medals in places where United States Colored Troops are buried; wants labor to be a part of this discussion

Mike Wilson – Local 400 – in negotiations with Shoppers Food and United National Foods since last Spring; dragging their feet; sold a closed a number of stores in 2019; want to cut away benefits, wages and protections that members have earned over the years; will be holding rallies outside Shoppers Food store in Prince George’s County and in Virginia tomorrow and Thursday

Adjournment

Motion – Greg Bowen

Motion Seconded – Mike Spiller

Meeting adjourned @ PM