

Minutes of May 6, 2009

Greater Lansing Labor Council

The meeting of the Greater Lansing Labor Council was called to order by President Paul Hufnagel at 7:30 p.m. on May 6, 2009 at 419 S. Washington Square, Lansing, in the first floor conference room.

Roll call was taken by the Delegates signing in at the door.

The Delegates were led to the pledge to the flag by Glenn Freeman II.

The Chair introduced the following guests:

- Virg Bernero, Mayor of Lansing
- Tom Boyd, Chief Justice, 55th District Court
- Don Allen, Judge, District Court
- Cara Elketar, Working America

The following Delegates were present: Jim Bale, Jim Bitzer, Edwin Bryant, Cheryl Bollinger, Irene Cahill, Jim Campana, James Cody, Jim Dravenstatt-Mocerri, Viki Farr, Glenn Freeman, Glenn Freeman III, Gail Jehl, Veronica Johnson, Ray Michaels, Andrew Mosser, William Nicklosovich, Theresa Orta, Mike Parker, Tim Russ, Walter Steele, Cindy Storie, Jerry Swartz, Phil Vaughn, Joel Wilkins, Douglas Withey, Matt Woolman, Sandy Zerkle, and Cliff Clark.

The minutes of the April 1, 2009 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes. **Motion was Supported and Carried.**

The Financial Report for March 2009 was presented by Financial Secretary Mike Parker. A motion was made to approve the financial report for March. **Motion was Supported and Carried.**

Executive Board Minutes:

The Executive Board Minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting were reported.

A motion was made to accept the Executive Board Minutes for May 6, 2009 as presented. **Motion was Supported and Carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Glenn Freeman III reported on Working America and supporting the unemployed. We may be approaching some of the local unions to help support these people.

Glenn Freeman II reported on the Mid Michigan Labor Council. They have proposed to consolidate all four of the labor councils in the upper part of the State.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

Municipal Elections: May 12th is the filing deadline for city council elections. Our screening will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m. at the Michigan AFL-CIO. Letters and emails went out, please limit attendance to one representative from each local.

March Mayors Meeting: Work on installation and maintenance of City fire hydrants is required under City ordinance to be completed by IBEW Local 352. Currently the City is not following ordinance. A meeting was held with IBEW Local 352, Firefighters Local 421, and GLLC president firefighters to address the problem. BWL will now perform work as required under City ordinance.

State Budget Issues: Continuing financial problems in the State's budget. There will be layoffs of 300 state employees, 6 days furlough for each employee, and layoff 100 state troopers. State Revenue Sharing will be cut by \$40 million. The 2009-0 state budget is currently projected to have a \$1.7 billion deficit, requiring more cuts in services and jobs. A new tax structure needs to be implemented this year. Cities will begin going into receivership is something isn't done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn Freeman II will check into purchasing bumper stickers for Buy American and Support Union Members. A motion was made to purchase 1,500 stickers for \$300.00. **Motion was Supported and Carried.**

REPORT OF LOCAL UNIONS

Ray Michaels, IBEW Local 665: Encourage members to support and provide financial assistance to the Employee Free Choice Efforts.

LSEA: Reported unions should avoid using Thomas Gutterage, arbitrator from FMCS. He issued a very poor decision in a recent LSEA hearing.

Gail Jehl, MNA: Their National union will be merging with the California and Massachusetts Nurses bringing additional nurses to the AFL-CIO.

Cindy Storie, LCC: Having issues at LCC with new President., only 600 out of 2500 LCC employees are full-time. There is a threat of layoffs in 2009-10 LCC budget. Requesting a meeting with Trustees Hollister and Woods.

Phil Vaughn, Ironworkers Local 25: Employer failed to report incident to MIOSHA when a worker fell and suffered a broken back. Encourages everyone to ensure that all accidents and safety issues are properly reported to MIOSHA.

NEW DELEGATES

Clifford Clark, Teamsters Local 580

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None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was a motion for the Labor Council to spend up to \$5000.00, matching funds from the locals, to help coordinate Lansing's 150 Year Anniversary activities. **It was Supported and Carried.**

Retirees meeting tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at Carpenters Local 1004.

NALC food drive, Saturday, May 9, 2009

Save America Rally, May 12, 2009

Union Family Fair Day, Thursday, August 6, 2009

Labor Night at Lugnuts, Saturday, August 15, 2009

Jeff Breslin, MNA: Gateway is offering positions as student interns for youth in summer programs.

Mayors Meeting May 13, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.-**CANCELLED**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Zerkle
Recording Secretary

Executive Board Minutes

May 6, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following officers were present: Paul Hufnagel, Glenn Freeman III, Andy Mosser, Stephen Reck, Sandy Zerkle, Mike Parker, Jim Bale, Jim Dravenstatt-Moceri, David Thelen, and Edwin Bryant.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Discussion on upcoming elections for the board at LCC.

Letter Carriers will be doing their food drive on Saturday, May 9th.

Communications were read and placed on file.

Adjournment:

The Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Zerkle, Recording Secretary