

**Midstate Central Labor Council
General Meeting**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Midstate Central Labor Council Meets the 3RD TUESDAY of every month. The next meeting will take place MARCH 18TH AT 7PM AT TC3.

SPECIAL STEERING COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING AT 6PM AT TC3. ALL STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND.

Street Heat: Building a stronger labor movement requires change and a renewed commitment to organizing and political action. But it also means backing up our organizing and political activities with the capacity to mobilize union members and the community. And that's what "Street Heat" is all about.

Cortland Street Heat Committee meeting April 8th at Workers Rights Board.

To get involved in Street Heat activities please contact the Labor Federation at 315 422-3363

Student Labor Week of Action— March 31-April 4

Join with students to call for social and economic justice throughout our community.

Campaign Skills Workshop for Women

The YWCA Institute for Public Leadership is holding a 2 day workshop designed to train women for political office, managing a campaign or gaining public support for women's issues. It is being held at the UAW National Training Center in Syracuse. For more information contact the YWCA at 315 424-0040 or the Labor Federation at 315 422-3363.

If you have an event you would like listed here please contact the Central New York Labor Federation, AFL-CIO at 315 422-3363.

what matters most are worse now than ever and there are no consistent signs of recovery.

The plain facts are that excluding dividend income from taxation will guarantee more income for the well-off but it will not create

benefit— instead of less than President's plan.

The President should shelve the dividend cut and focus instead on a targeted recovery package that will help average American families and give the

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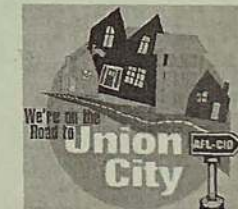
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Agenda

Reports

Communications

Upcoming Local Elections

Workers Memorial Day/ Labor Day planning

Midstate Central Labor Council Steering Committee Elections

At the February 18th meeting of the Labor Council, election of officers took place. The officers that were elected and will serve as the Steering Committee of the Midstate Central Labor Council are:

President—Linda Smith, SEIU 200United

Vice President—Ken Franklin, IAM 1607

Financial Secretary—Mark Keith, SEIU 200United

Recording Secretary—open

At-Large Members—Brian Goodell, UAW 2300; Dave Marsh, LIUNA 589; Midge Grant, CSEA 812

At-Large Members Alternates—Erin Sheldon, SEIU 1199; Ron Powell, UAW 624

The position of Recording Secretary is still open, anyone interested in this position should contact any one of the officers listed above or the Labor Federation office.

National Student Labor Week of Action

From March 31- April 4, 2003, students and workers will celebrate the lives of Cesar Estrada Chavez and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by joining together to demand justice for workers on their campuses and in their communities.

In 2002, students and workers came together for over 100 actions on April 4th, addressing a range of issues from sweatshops to

living wages to the right to organize for campus workers. This year the day has been extended to encompass an entire week starting on March 31st, which is Cesar E. Chavez Day in California and culminating on April 4th, the 35-year anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination while supporting a sanitation workers strike.

In Central New York many campuses will be joining with the Central New York Labor Federation and its affiliate labor councils to celebrate this week of action. Actions will be taking place on campuses and worksites throughout the region calling for living wages for workers, corporate responsibility, a state budget without draconian cuts to working families, an end to sweatshops and many other issues.

For more information please contact Carol at the Labor Federation 315 422-3363.

Tell Albany "There's a Better Choice for New York"

There's a "Better Choice" for New York than the proposed budget put forth by Governor Pataki.

• MAKE SMART REVENUE CHOICES

We have to pass a budget with the right kind of revenue that closes the budget shortfall without hurting New York. Governor Pataki's budget makes the wrong choices because it cuts programs for those who can afford it the least.

• PRESERVE THE PROMISE OF NEW YORK

We have to protect our important priorities for the future of New York State, including quality education, affordable higher education, and access to decent health care.

• SHARE THE BURDEN

Governor Pataki's budget puts all the burden on the middle class with higher tuitions, higher health care costs, and the likelihood of higher local taxes, but does not ask big corporations or those with the highest income to share ANY of the burden. We have to make corporations pay their fair share by closing corporate loopholes and asking the wealthiest to pay a little more.

GOVERNOR PATAKI'S BUDGET PLAN IS NOT THE ANSWER! IT CALLS FOR...

\$1.7 Billion cuts in Education

Laying off teachers, eliminating funding for pre-K, full day kindergarten and class size reduction, \$1200 tuition increase at SUNY/CUNY, \$315 million cuts in financial aid to students.

\$2 Billion cuts in Health care

Closing hospitals and nursing homes, cuts in home care, cuts in Medicaid and Medicare.

\$1 Billion Cuts in state agency expenditures

Significant staffing cuts in virtually every state agency leading to a drastic reduction in state services, closures of several mental health facilities.

The governor has also proposed elimination of Prevailing Rate and Wicks Law which would detrimentally effect the building trades throughout the state.

Call 1-877-255-9417 to leave a message for your elected state representatives saying that Governor Pataki's proposed cuts are not the answer.

Labor Federation Annual Meeting

On March 8th the delegates of the Central New York Labor Federation, AFL-CIO met to discuss upcoming issues and to elect officers to the Federation's Executive Board. The delegates were given updates from each Central Labor Council in the Federation as well as an overview of the budget. The delegates then made phone calls to their elected state leadership leaving messages about the governor's proposed budget. They also wrote letters to their Congressional Representatives asking them to vote against proposed union reporting requirements that would cost unions billions of dollars and would disclose all union finances to union-busting consultants as well as our employers.

The delegates also discussed how to bring more resources to the region for organizing new workers and are sending letters to international union presidents asking that they devote more resources to organizing workers in our region. The final act of business at the meeting was to discuss the impending war on Iraq. The delegates voted unanimously to endorse the resolution passed by the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO stating its opposition to the war on Iraq. The minutes of the meeting as well as a copy of the resolution can be found on the Federation's website www.cnylabor.org.