

Introduction

Brian Kane - ex 1199 organizer

CLC 6 yrs old, on & off. Began in 1980.

Also Broome Cnty Fed of Labor, AFL-CIO, since 1950s.

CLC has individuals & organizations - 8 individuals

\$50 p.a. per organization (21 to date)

FofL has ~~~ 6 uni-~~

Central Labor Cncl ~ 6 unions

Lost 4500 union jobs since 1980, + 2000 non-union jobs. But not active.

CLC has newspaper, 15,000 distribution via ^{12,000 direct} mailing, stores, etc

Held a rally, Solidarity Day ~ 350 people (mostly union)

CLC hosted Winpisinger and Bill Lucy, CBTU/AFSCME

Starting a divestment effort.

Film series, seminar on organizing

Starting economic devt. campaign, incl. plant-closing.

Funding from Opportunities For Broome, fundraisers brought in \$6,000 last year.

18-19,000 union members in Broome County, 6000 or so in FofL affiliated unions.

Suggestions

Trying to ~~focus~~ ^{focus} on labor-related issues.

Question about more than 1 member per local on steering committee. To be addressed at next meeting.

Jean Fudala, CSEA

Circulated petition to keep DSS downtown.

Only 1 Republican, Mary Call, voted against the move.

CSEA actively opposing the move.

Decision can still be rescinded.

Committee, "RESCIND" led by Steve Ballan, pres CSEA, and Marnie Kirschgessner, ex-president CSEA.

5000 signatures collected already.

Jeffrey True may be best rep. to target.

~~Reps~~

CSEA calling for "impact negotiations"

LWV ~~is~~ considering tax payers action

Believe that the low bid to convert the old hospital may depend on paying less than prevailing rates (e.g. paying CSEA maintenance rates). More info?

Letters to Reps: IAM

Al Davidoff on proposed TCLC take ~~stand on~~ position on issue. Also, that Building Trades Cnd be approached.

Jim Nichols asked what downtown businesses (DBA) are doing. Opposed, carrying petition at Woolworth's, TOPS, Start/Gt. American, Home Depot,

Agreed :- oppose the move by DSS. to old hospital

Asked for fact-sheet to distribute in TCLC mailing.

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Steering Committee

Hope to have elect committee by April.

Nominations

Open till next meeting.

- ✓ Jim Nichols - TC3 faculty
- ✓ Tom Joyce - Painters
- ✓ Carl Feuer - UUP, Cortland
- ✓ Skeg Milliman - Painters
- ✓ Al Davidoff - UAW
- Cal Bailey - School District Employees
- Ed Ritchie - Painters
- ✓ John Channon - Ithaca
- Jim Morrisette } Cornell Safety Employees
- Sue Pentecost } anti union actions
- Lou Edelman - IAM

[Dick Span suggested we try to involve ~~more~~ union retirees in the TCLC & Steering committee]

- Esther Earle - IAM (Recon Home)
- Chris Prysak - SEIU (Lakeside)

Local reports

UAW. Ithacare report. Began 3 mo ago. Filed Jan 31.

Hearing 10 days ago.

Mgt. had sent out 1 letter ^{est cost \$5-10,000}

At hearing, 2 lawyers from Bond Schoenike & King asked dismissal and delay for 3 yrs

(1) Home Health Care, associated with Ithacare, belong in unit

(2) Since HHCC is still expanding, workforce not stable for 3 yrs.

Awaiting Bd. decision on unit.

Request TCLC support. Letters to mgt. and Journal criticizing Ithacare's anti-union actions.

Agreed: TCLC supports efforts of Ithacare employees to form a union;

Agreed: to hold press conference Monday 17th, 9am, and to try to get ~~all~~ TCLC members to participate. (e.g. Ed Ritchie, Jim Morrisette)

UAW - Pali Trinity - short strike. No concessions. 9% over 3 yrs.

Plant Closing

ITA

Central admin. wants to standardize materials, textbooks, curriculum. ITA is concerned to preserve adequate flexibility to meet diversity within school district.

ITA now meeting directly w/ school board, first time.

Painters

Health + safety. Tom: you can write this yourself!

Bruce Popper

TCL

Close to agreement, but trying to reduce offer. May break down. No ~~arb~~ arbitration available.

Newspaper

~~Seems~~ to be enough volunteers

M. Cohen will call locals to get articles on time

Mid- to late-April hope to print 1st issue.

Tom Joyce asked to ~~exp~~ AI + committee to explore costs of ~~how~~ using union printer.

ILR

- Trying to get intern for TCLC.

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Mayor's committee met Mar 10th. Steve Jackson + Dick Matthews presented report showing that experience of other states have been very positive. Businesses have been saved, etc.

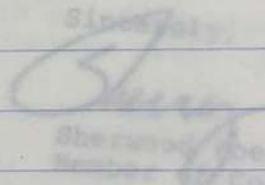
Plant closing

* Al suggests TLC should now be
~~approach~~ holding some educational meetings with
sympathetic Common Councillors.

Perhaps Jackson + Morrisette w/ Councillors.
Tom Joyce will help organize that.

TLC leaflet on plant-closing should be ready
in 2-3 weeks.

Sincerely,


Sherman Boehlert
Member Congress