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## Minutes of the December 2, 2010 council meeting

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There was no Executive Board meeting because there was no quorum. Jeff Wiggins, council president, gavelled the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. The customary Pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed.

Brandon Duncan, financial secretary-treasurer, read the financial report and delegates voted to waive the reading of the November council meeting minutes. President Wiggins announced that he received five newsletters and two mass mailings since the November meeting.

Frances Willey, Labor Day Committee treasurer, said the committee would meet on Dec. 6. There were no reports from the education and COPE committees but COPE chairman Howard "Bubba" Dawes said he expected several filings in January for offices up for election in 2011.

In addition, Benny Adair, council vice president, said the Jackson House board of directors, of which he is president, is still working on a 1 million dollar grant for elevator improvements at the Jackson House.

After some discussion, delegates unanimously approved a resolution to raise the per capita dues from 8 cents to 15 cents to increase revenue for the council. "Right now, we don't have enough money to send a delegate to the state AFL-CIO convention," Wiggins said. He said the per capita increase would add more than \$3,100 annually to the council treasury. He said the extra money could be used for unforeseen emergencies such as necessary repairs to the council hall.

The proposed per capita hike requires a change in the council by-laws. That vote will come at the January council meeting. "We're not doing this to build a big bank account," Wiggins said. "We are doing it because we need the money."

Wiggins also said in January, the council will discuss raising the rent for union locals who regularly hire the hall for meetings and nominate new officers for election.

Wiggins also outlined proposals from a committee consisting of Duncan, Craig, Adair and himself to establish guidelines for W.C. Young Award nominees.

Delegates discussed the committee suggestions. The proposals, subject to council approval, call for nominees to be:

- Retired or in the latter stages of their union careers
- Current or past leaders in their union locals
- Someone who promotes equality in his or her union local
- Someone who projects a positive union image in his or her community

In addition, Wiggins suggested that the W.C. Young Dinner also become a fund-raiser for the council. He said tickets could be sold to people who might not be able to attend but who still want to support the council.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

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