

February 8, 2022

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by President Yee and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Bauman, Cairgle, Kreklau, McCall, Noelke, Smith, Sockolosky Wadlin, and Yee

**EXCUSED:** Pendracki

**ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** Macdonald

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Brother Noelke made the motion, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to accept the roll call of officers. The motion carried.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. MiARA      The January 2022 newsletter with an article re a poll indicates democrats and republics share universal healthcare values; an article honoring the legacy of the rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr. No membership meetings have been scheduled.  
Receive and File
2. Memo of 2/1/22 from R. Noelke requesting approval to destroy membership cards for the calendar year 2020 for members who have died and cancelled their membership.  
New Business

Motion by Brother Noelke properly supported by Wadlin, to receive and file this item. The motion carried.

## **READING OF MINUTES**

Motion by Brother Wadlin, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of January 11, 2022, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Wadlin, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of January 11, 2022, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

### **President:**

Still getting some phone calls to his personal phone by those who were referred by TASC. He's pleasantly surprised on how MERS/Alerus is handling the Medicare reimbursements.

Motion by Brother Wadlin, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to accept the President's report as presented. The motion carried.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** Brother Wadlin reported on the Labor Coalition meeting which is currently being held via Zoom. There does not appear to be any Coalition involved within the group. Motion by Sister Bauman, properly supported by Brother Noelke to accept the Vice-President's report. The motion carried.

## **SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

### **Financial Report:**

Brother Noelke reported that the Sub-chapter has \$235,124.96 in cash and investments as of December 31, 2021. There are 1,358 current members with 171 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (96) members lost this year.

Brother Noelke reported that the Sub-Chapter has \$236,305.09 in cash and investments as of January 30, 2022. There are 1,341 current members with 174 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and 21 members lost this year (2022).

Motion by Brother Wadlin, properly supported by Sister Kreklau, to accept the Treasurer report for December 2021 and January 2022 as presented. The motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **PEOPLE Committee**

Sister Bauman reported there will be a PEOPLE Convention this year but details have not been finalized. Sister Bauman will be inviting all the candidates for the Wayne County Board of Commissioners to address the membership. Not sure who's running for office. With all the redistricting, she anticipates a lot of candidates. She would like to organize it to have those running for State Senate at one meeting, and those running for the State House at another meeting, etc.

Motion by Brother Wadlin, properly supported by Sister Kreklau to accept the PEOPLE Committee report. The motion carried.

**REPORT, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Presented by Brother Macdonald)**

**Medical Insurance for Disability Retirees**

The arbitration case contesting the Wayne County discontinuance of health care insurance coverage for disability retirees was heard in October 2019 and the arbitrator found **“The County violated the collective bargaining agreement when it made changes to healthcare benefits for newly approved duty and nonduty disability retirees. The County must rescind Administrative Personnel Order 1-2010 and make whole the duty and/or nonduty disability retirees who were improperly denied healthcare benefits after 2010 by virtue of the fact that they did not meet the age and service requirements for “normal” retirement”**.

This award only applies to AFSCME disability retirees who retired after the personnel order was issued. Those disability retirees who retired prior to the order did not have their healthcare stopped. A quick check of the records found sixty-one (61) disability retirees impacted by the award of which ten (10) have passed away. A request by the AFSCME attorney in November 2021 for a Wayne County “make whole” plan have received excuses, but Wayne County has not responded or provided a plan. The excuse is that Wayne County has appointed a new Corporation Counsel and everyone was too busy to address the award.

**Prescription Co-Pay Settlement**

The payments by Wayne County of non-Medicare eligible stipends appear to be consistent with the settlement agreement through the payment due February 1, 2022.

The transition from TASC to MERS as the paying agent for Medicare eligible stipends experienced some problems. It now appears that those problems have mostly been resolved. Wayne County continues to provide the monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS. Wayne County also provided the tabulation of retiree account balances that were moved from TASC to MERS.

We are happy to report that all ten (10) of the Grievances filed by the Sub-chapter related to the health care settlement have been resolved to the satisfaction of the retiree(s) and the Sub-chapter.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to accept Brother Macdonald’s report. The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Brother Wadlin, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to approve the request of the Secretary-Treasurer to destroy the 2020 membership cards for deceased/non-payment members. The motion carried.

Brother Yee asked approval to add (8) additional \$20 attendance awards this month at the Membership meeting in addition to the usual attendance raffle since we were unable to do the ham/turkey give-always last fall during the holidays. Motion by Brother Wadlin, supported by Sister Bauman to approve this request. The motion carried.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Brother Macdonald brought up the fact that Empower has bought out Prudential Investments and their representatives would like to address the membership at the March or April meeting and provide the luncheon. He will discuss which month they would like to do this and make the arrangements.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brother Wadlin properly supported by Sister Sockolosky, to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. The motion carried.