

February 8, 2022

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Yee and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: None

GUEST: None

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Brother Pendracki made the motion, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the roll call of officers. The motion carried.

Sub-Chapter 38 minutes for the Executive and Membership meetings are recorded to help the Recording Secretary to produce minutes for each meeting. Pursuant to the previous direction of the membership, these recordings shall be disposed of as soon as reasonably possible after the Sub-chapter 38 membership has approved the minutes. The minutes are not or intended to be an actual verbatim record of the proceedings but are summarized notes of the agenda items, motions, makers of the motion, votes, and lengthy discussions.

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/or cancelled their membership.
New Business

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to receive and file this item 1 and refer Item 2 to New Business. The motion carried.

READING OF MINUTES

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, 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 Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, 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:

Although TASC no longer handles the Medicare reimbursement function for Wayne County, they are still referring phone calls to my personal phone number. It appears the transfer of monies from Alerus to the retirees is moving very smoothly.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, 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. They don't talk to each other and have no idea what other bargaining units are negotiating for with the County. For instance, retirement contributions are being taken out of employees' overtime paychecks but the overtime no longer is counted as earnings for retirement purposes.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Macdonald, 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 Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the financial reports for December 2021 and January 2022 as presented. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PEOPLE Committee:

Sister Bauman gave the report PEOPLE Committee. There will be a PEOPLE Convention this year but the date has not been set. They will be voting on officers for the different regions. Will probably have new candidates running this year especially the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. If you know of a candidate that may want to address the Sub-Chapter, please refer them to Sister Julie Bauman so it may be coordinated with the meetings.

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Wadlin to accept the PEOPLE Committee report as presented. 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 Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to approve the request of the Secretary-Treasurer to destroy the 2020 membership cards for deceased/non-payment members. The motion carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Brother Wadlin again mentioned the need for "mirrored" retirees to contact the bargaining unit they retired from in order to get any change in their health care benefits. The Sub-Chapter cannot represent them on this matter because those bargaining units are still representing them for health care coverage.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

There were 29 attendees that signed in.

Drawing for additional 8 attendance awards of \$20 each:

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| 1. #29 – Dennis Abraham | 2. #20 – Paul Pendracki | 3. #13 – Doug Wadlin |
| 4. #23 – Ernestine Cox | 5. #24 – Ron Lacasse | 6. #5 – Julie Bauman |
| 7. #22 – Estelle Biesisdecki | 8. #7 – Mary Etta Kreklau | |

Regular Attendance Drawing:

\$20 - #18 – Annette Kusluski \$10 -#21 Mike Hildebrandt \$10 - #28 – Don Lachine

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 pm. The motion carried