



WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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Jerry Smith
Trustees

March 8, 2022

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

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

EXCUSED: Yee

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 February 2022 newsletter with an article on the importance of voting in 2022 for Education and Democracy in Michigan along with articles on the petition initiative seeking to divert public funding for schools to private and religious schools and also endorsing a petition drive "Promote the Vote 2022" which constitutionally would ensure voting rights. Receive and File
2. March 7, 2022 Memo from Rich Noelke, Secretary Treasurer, requesting authorization from the Sub-Chapter 38 Executive Board to execute and submit the 2021 Income Tax Return, form 900-EZ and AFSCME Reports and the 2021 Surety Bond Report for the Sub-chapter. New Business

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Sister O'Leary-MacGillis, to receive and file Item 1 and refer Item 2 to New Business. The motion carried.

READING OF MINUTES

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Macdonald, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of February 8, 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 Noelke, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of February 8, 2022, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried.

Motion by Sister Kim Curry-Smith, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to suspend the Agenda at 1:05 pm to allow for a special speaker, Derrick Cushing, Campaign Manager for Walter Epps for Sheriff, to address the Membership. The motion carried. Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to return to the regular order of business at 1:14 pm. The motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

President: None.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Brother Wadlin reported he will be absent from the May 10, 2022, meeting.

He attended the WCLCA via zoom. As previously reported both by Hugh and himself, there is no communication between the unions, nor has any WCLC member talked with any WC retirees.

To all mirrored retirees, please contact your retiring union and remind them what they bargain today is for their future. All employees that have 20 or more years on the job as of October 2015 are mirror employees. Employees with 20 years or more as of October 2015 are stipend employees.

Brother Wadlin has contact numbers if anyone needs them.

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 \$231,814.46 in cash and investments as of February 28, 2022. There are 1,301 current members with 174 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (64) members lost this year.

Brother Noelke informed that Membership of the action of the Executive Board this date to authorize the execution and submission of the Sub-Chapter's Federal Income Tax approve the request of the Secretary-Treasurer and authorize the execution and submission of the 2021 Income Tax Return, Form 990-EZ; the AFSCME International forms and Local Union Annual

Financial Report; and the 2021 Surety Bond Report for the Sub-chapter officers' Surety Bond, by the President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the Treasurer report for February 2022 as presented. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PEOPLE Committee:

Sister Bauman informed the PEOPLE Committee that an invitation was sent out with the Zoom information for the PEOPLE Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 9th at 5 pm

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Noelke 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.

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 March 1, 2022.

The transition from TASC to MERS as the paying agent for Medicare eligible stipends experienced some problems although those problems now appear to be resolved. Retirees have not contacted us with new problems with their stipend payments. Wayne County is providing 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.

As reported last month, 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 Sister Bauman, to accept Brother Macdonald's report. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD AND WELFARE

Brother Macdonald reported that Empower has bought out Prudential Investments and their representatives would like to address the membership at the May meeting and provide the luncheon.

Brother Macdonald reported that the Detroit Area Agency on Aging 1-A is offering a webinar on Medicare 101 for April 6, 2022. It is a Zoom webinar. Informational flyers are available in the back.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

There were 37 attendees that signed in.

Regular Attendance Drawing:

\$20 - #37 – Dennis Abraham \$10 -#27 Hugh Macdonald \$10 - #22 – Kim Minnery

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister O'Leary-MacGillis, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 pm. The motion carried.