

# WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38 WE MAKE MICHIGAN HAPPEN

Ronald Yee President

Douglas Wadlin Vice-President

Richard Noelke Secretary Treasurer

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Faith Cairgle Sergeant-At-Arms

John McCall James Sockolosky Julie Bauman Executive Board

Pamela Hyde-Shelton Paul Pendracki Jerry Smith Trustees June 14, 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 (11.30) Hyde-Shelton, McCall, Noelke,

Pendracki, Sockolosky, Wadlin and Yee

**EXCUSED:** Smith

ABSENT: None

**GUESTS:** Macdonald

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

**NOTE:** The date on the Agenda was corrected to June 14, 2022.

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**CORRESPONDENCE** – MiARA notices for April and May 2022 with information on petitions being circulated along with recommendations on which to support and which to NOT support.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried.

### **READING OF MINUTES**

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of May 10, 2022, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried.

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Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of May 10, 2022, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS

#### President

President Yee has sent a letter to Chair Bell regarding his request for the Board of Commissioners to consider our request for an increase in the Medicare stipend. He has now also sent a letter to all the Commissioners regarding the request for an increase. Commissioners Haidous and Vargas has responded favorably to meet and discuss this item.

The debit card issue with Alerus has apparently been resolved so that members with recurring reimbursements can now also use their debit card for reimbursement.

Motion by Brother Pendracki to accept the President's report as given, properly supported by Sister Bauman. The motion carried.

VICE-PRESIDENT – The Labor Coalition meeting has been rescheduled to tomorrow, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the Vice-President's report as presented. The motion carried.

#### **SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

#### **Financial Report:**

Brother Noelke requested the ending date of the report be corrected to May 31, 2022 instead of April 30, 2022. The Sub-Chapter has \$224,542.01 in cash and investments as of May 31, 2022. There are 1,201 current members with 169 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (88) members lost this year.

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

## **PEOPLE Committee**

Sister Bauman reported there screenings were completed last week and the results have been sent to Council 25. The endorsements are now posted on the Sub-Chapter's website and notices will be sent out to all Sub-Chapter members regarding the endorsements. Once again, Sister Bauman thanked the Sub-Chapter members who participated in this process.

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

**Chapter 255:** Brother McCall reported on the Chapter 255 picnic held last week. The Sub-Chapter was well represented at the picnic and he and Sister Bauman thank the membership for their support Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to accept the Chapter 255 report as presented. The motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

President Yee reported that the second reading of the proposed Constitutional amendment will be held at today's Membership meeting. If approved, it will be sent the AFSCME International for approval.

# 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 2020 and the arbitrator found that "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 or nonduty disability retiree who was improperly denied healthcare benefits after 2010 by virtue of the fact that they did not meet the age and service requirements for "normal" retirement."

The 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 status changed. AFSCME Council 25 has filed a motion in Wayne County Circuit Court seeking to enforce the arbitration award. A hearing on the motion is scheduled for June 23, 2022.

# **HEALTH CARE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT (STIPENDS)**

The payments by Wayne County of non-Medicare eligible stipends are consistent with the settlement agreement through the payment due June 1, 2022.

Sub-Chapter 38 leadership has resolved the issues rose during the transition from TASC to MERS as the paying agent for Medicare eligible stipends. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS/Alerus. Recently a member has contacted the Sub-Chapter claiming his spouse has not received all of her stipends. Discussions on his claim with Wayne County did not resolve the matter resulting in the Sub-Chapter filing Grievance #11 on June 7, 2022. Wayne County has yet to respond to the grievance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**: None

#### GOOD AND WELFARE

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m. The motion carried.