



WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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Ronald Yee
President

June 14, 2022

Douglas Wadlin
Vice-President

Richard Noelke
Secretary Treasurer

Mary Etta Kreklau
Recording Secretary

Faith Cairgle
Sergeant-At-Arms

John McCall
James Sockolosky
Julie Bauman
Executive Board

Pamela Hyde-Shelton
Paul Pendracki
Jerry Smith
Trustees

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, Hyde-Shelton, Kreklau, McCall, Noelke, Pendracki, Sockolosky, Wadlin and Yee

EXCUSED: Smith

ABSENT: None

GUEST: None

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Brother Macdonald 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.

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to waive the regular order of business at 1:01 pm to allow for two (2) special speakers; Rob Kull, candidate for State Representative, District 28, and Anne Marie McCarthy, candidate for Circuit Court. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to return to the regular order of business at 1:11 pm. The motion carried.

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 Macdonald, properly supported by Sister Bauman to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried.

READING OF MINUTES

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, 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.

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Noelke, 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 not heard back from Commissioner Bell regarding his request for the Board of Commissioners to consider an increase for the Medicare stipends. He has sent a letter to all the Commissioners regarding the matter and has had support from Al Haidous and Elona Varga. Commissioner Jon Kinloch responded that he is new and is unaware of the issue but will discuss it with Commissioner Bell.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Brother Wadlin reported that the Labor Coalition meeting for May has been rescheduled for tomorrow, June 15, 2022.

Motion by Brother Noelke, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the Vice-President 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 \$228,122.43 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 Wadlin, properly supported by Sister Bauman 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 Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, 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. The plan is to have the picnic annually and have it at Wayne County Warrendale Park which is more centrally located.

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to accept the Chapter 255 report as presented. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to waive the regular order of business at 1:46 pm to allow Al Williams, a candidate for Wayne County Commission, District #5, to address the membership. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Wadlin to return to the regular order of business at 1:57 pm. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second (2nd) Reading of Proposed Constitution Change:

Amendment to Article VII – Duties of Officers and Executive Board; Section 9 – Special Committees

“All special committees appointed by the President shall expire three (3) years after appointments of said committees or upon the election of a new President, whichever occurs first. Committees such as, but not limited to, Constitution, Conferences and Conventions, shall be deemed “Standing Committees”.

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Sister Ramsey, to adopt this proposed amendment to the Constitution for Wayne County, Michigan Retiree Sub-Chapter 38 and to properly forward such amendment to AFSCME International for their approval. 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 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.

The transition from TASC to MERS as the paying agent for Medicare eligible stipends appears to be progressing satisfactorily.

Brother Macdonald gave an update from the WCERC also. The Retirement Board has adopted the actuary report which puts the funding of the system at 65%. The Board did have to update a few items since the retirees are living long and the amount of retirement payments has almost doubled from those leaving the rolls than those coming on the rolls. The system should be fully funded by 2035 if nothing changes. The average retiree is 73.5 years old. In the last year, 236 retirees died while only 78 went on the rolls.

Motion by Brother Sockolosky, properly supported by Brother Hubert, to accept Brother Macdonald's report. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: -None

GOOD AND WELFARE

Brother Yee reported that Sub-Chapter's former President and current Chapter 255 President, Henry Lykes, has been hospitalized. Brother McCall reported that Brother Charlie Parker has had to have surgery.

Brother McCall requested a big “Thank You” to Brother Hugh Macdonald for all he has done through the years for the Sub-Chapter and the retirees.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.