



WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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Executive Board

Pamela Hyde-Shelton
Paul Pendracki
Jerry Smith
Trustees

August 16, 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, Pendracki, Sockolosky, Wadlin and Yee

EXCUSED: Hyde-Shelton

ABSENT: Smith

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.

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CORRESPONDENCE – MiARA notice for July 2022 announcing the resumption of in-person meetings beginning August 17, 2022. 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 Brother Wadlin, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of July 12, 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 Sister Bauman, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of July 12, 2022, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried

REPORT OF OFFICERS

President –

- 1) The County is currently looking for retiree insurance to replace AMWINS that wouldn't cost more than AMWINS. Wayne County has hired an outside firm to do this search. When this change occurs, they will have meetings throughout the County. President Yee let them know that our meetings SHOULD NOT be used for this purpose since there is no control on how many people will show up and it causes problems with the UAW Hall.
- 2) Some meetings ago, a number of members were concerned about how they could find out about the Life Insurance coverage and carrier. President Yee has talked to Oliver Calderoni and she indicates that the Benefits Department with Wayne County should be contacted at 3113-224-5157 or [redacted].
- 3) A list of unions and contact information for those unions will be posted on the Sub-Chapter 38 website for mirrored retirees to contact regarding healthcare for mirrored retirees.
- 4) A letter has been sent to all of the Wayne County Commissioners regarding an increase in the stipend for Medicare eligible retirees. He has received a number of correspondences with the last being a notice that the County is concerned about filling vacancies so any additional monies will need to be put in that direction.

President Yee has made it clear in communications that at this time, Wayne County has made current employees "whole" for any loss of monies in the past and has given them increases. Retirees are the only ones who have not been made whole even though the County has had a surplus budget for over 5 years.

President Yee announced he is running for Wayne County Retirement System Board Trustee as is Brother Macdonald. Petitions are in the back of the room.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT – Will review at Membership meeting.

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Financial Report:

The Sub-Chapter has \$231,308.10 in cash and investments as of July 31, 2022. There are 1,265 current members with 167 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (104) members lost this year.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PEOPLE Committee:

Sister Bauman reported that there are screenings at 5:00pm tonight and the members have been sent the links. The Michigan Democratic Party Convention is going to be held this weekend.

Participants must register in advance to attend the convention or to vote in the convention. The Primary elections turnouts were lower than expected. Every County in southeast Michigan had lower participation in the primary than in the last 2 elections.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Brother Macdonald's Report:

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.

In response to a motion by our attorneys, on July 8, 2022 Judge Susan Hubbard issued an "Opinion and Award" ordering Wayne County to implement the arbitration award within 30 days and, also, that the court would retain jurisdiction until the award was implemented plus that the court **shall assess a penalty for failure to timely implement the Arbitration Award.** Wayne County has filed a motion for reconsideration claiming that Judge Hubbard erred in all of her conclusions in the order. That motion is still pending. In the meantime our attorneys are seeking a "make whole" plan from the County consistent with the arbitration award.

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 August 1, 2022. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS/Alerus.

The Sub-Chapter leadership is currently working with Wayne County to find a group health care plan for the Medicare eligible retirees that provides expanded benefits at a significantly lower premium while giving retirees the option to enroll in a plan of their own choosing. It is hoped that this new group health care plan can be implemented for 2023.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to accept Brother Macdonald's report as presented. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD AND WELFARE

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

The Secretary for Chapter 255 AFSCME, Kathy Sherrill's husband has passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m. The motion carried.