



WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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Executive Board

Pamela Hyde-Shelton
Paul Pendracki
Jerry Smith
Trustees

April 11, 2023

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

EXCUSED: Kreklau and Yee

ABSENT: None

GUEST: Bill Farmer, Former AFSCME Representative

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

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to suspend the regular order of the meeting to allow the representative from "Michigan for Single-Payer Health Care; Medicare for All" to give a presentation. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to return to the regular order of business at 1:30 pm. 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:

MIARA – March 2023 Newsletter with an article regarding, "Elections' Have Consequences".

MIARA - Notice of the 2nd Quarterly meeting on Wednesday April 12, 2023, 10 am at the MEA Building, 1216 Kendale Blvd., Rooms A, B, C, and East Lansing, MI

Sub-Chapter 38 – Audit report from the Trustees

Due to absence of Secretary, the item passed for the day.

READING OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of March 14, 2023, 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 March 14, 2023, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: None

VICE-PRESIDENT:

We attended the last Labor Coalition meeting and there were no new issues. There doesn't seem to be any sharing of information between the different unions. They don't seem to care about any group but their own. They have already signed new contracts with no changes for the retirees.

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

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Financial Report:

The financial report was presented by Brother Noelke, Treasurer. The Sub-Chapter has \$232,562.83 in cash and investments as of March 31, 2023. There are 1,215 current members with 183 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (29) members lost this year.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the Treasurer report for March 2023 as presented. The motion carried.

Brother Macdonald's Report:

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT (STIPENDS)

As reported many times, the arbitration case contesting the Wayne County discontinuance of health care insurance coverage for disability with an award stating 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.

In spite of the fact that the arbitrator and the courts have repeatedly ruled against Wayne County, the County is still considering more appeals. The encouraging sign is that the county has set down with the Council 25 attorney to discuss a resolution. Wayne County did not offer a “make

whole plan” but bought up topics like the need for a list of those retirees involved, open enrollment, a third-party moderator of the retiree out-of-pocket claims and other delaying tactics. Subsequent meetings have yet to establish a list of impacted retirees. The Sub-Chapter continues to respond to questions from our attorney. As a last resort, going back to Judge Hubbard may be necessary.

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The payments by Wayne County of non-Medicare eligible stipends are consistent with the settlement agreement through the payment due April 1, 2023. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS/Alerus. Brother Macdonald did receive a report of balances as of 1/1/2023. There are a total of 3,427 in the group with over \$7 million total in stipend balances not yet claimed. It would appear that looking at the retirement numbers with large balances; many are probably spouses of retirees.

If you are talking to your legislator, please remind them that the Public Employer Relations Act still does NOT cover retirees; employers may OPT to cover retirees, but there is not a mandate to do so. This needs to be addressed in order to protect the benefits that have been afforded to retirees through the years.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Report:

Sister Pam Hyde-Shelton read the Trustee Report of March 30, 2023. The Sub-Chapter books were found to be in order with cash balance of \$8,393.66 plus investments of \$174,185.45 for a total of \$182,579.11 as of February 28, 2023. She commended Brother Noelke for his work.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the Trustee report of March 30, 2023, as presented. The motion carried.

Chapter 255:

Sister Bauman gave the report that the dates for the October Chapter 255 Convention had to be changed to October 13 and 14, 2023, due to availability of the UAW Hall. That is a Friday and Saturday with three (3) workshops planned for Friday afternoon beginning at 2 pm and a reception to following from 6 to 12 on Friday evening. The Convention will be on Saturday with a continental breakfast, convention business, and a luncheon to be served. No officer elections this year.

There will be an Executive Board meeting on June 16th in Lansing at the MEA Building. A box lunch will be provided.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Macdonald, to accept the Chapter 255 report as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD AND WELFARE:

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

There were 28 attendees signed in.

Regular Attendance Drawing:

\$20 - #3 – Paul Pendracki

\$10 - #6 – Gerard Zecman

\$10 - #20 –Judy Koths

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brother Pendracki, to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 pm. The motion carried.