



WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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Ronald Yee
President

July 11, 2023

Douglas Wadlin
Vice-President

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Richard Noelke
Secretary Treasurer

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

Mary Etta Kreklau
Recording Secretary

PRESENT: Bauman, Hyde-Shelton, Kreklau, McCall, Noelke, Sockolosky, Wadlin and Yee

Faith Cairgle
Sergeant-At-Arms

EXCUSED: Cairgle and Pendracki

John McCall
James Sockolosky
Julie Bauman
Executive Board

ABSENT: Smith

GUEST: None

Pamela Hyde-Shelton
Paul Pendracki
Jerry Smith
Trustees

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Brother Macdonald made the motion, properly supported by Sister O'Leary-MacGillis 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:

Michigan AFL-CIO – June 22, 2023 – Notice of Citizen Lobby Day, Lansing, MI

MiARA – June 2023 – Thank you to Jack Schneider (MEA) for his service as editor of the monthly MIARA newsletter. Notice of next General Membership meeting; August 9, 2023 in Flint, MI

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

READING OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of June 13, 2023, 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 June 13, 2023, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:

On May 1, 2023, the Retirement System sent out the information Verification Form for 2023. Four thousand, five hundred and forty-three (4,543) notices were sent out and many have been returned. The Retirement Office will be sending out a second notice this month giving the retiree an additional 60 days to respond. Failure to respond will cause your monthly benefits to be suspended until such time as they receive the completed form. The form can be returned by mail, fax or emailed.

At our September 12th meeting, Titan Wealth Advisors will be making a presentation on the County's Deferred Contribution Plan (457) and the Defined Contribution Plan (401a). They will also be providing lunch for us before the meeting. If you have any questions regarding your plans or want to check on your beneficiaries, they will be available to meet with you after their presentation. Please make sure you attend the September meeting.

We have continued to meet with the Labor Coalition and they will be contacting the County to request the County make the BC/BS Medicare Advantage Plan available to all Medicare-eligible mirrored retirees. The problem is the timing. All parties would have to approve the plan by September 1st in order to have it be effective January 1, 2024. We are hopeful that this can be accomplished but it will take work on everyone's part.

We are also in the process of developing a recruitment letter to go to all Wayne County Retirees in an attempt to increase our membership. We are also developing a new letter to go to former members who have allowed their membership to lapse in the hopes of getting some of them to return. The last time we did this, we got about 100 new members.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT:

On May 5, the WCS/APP Retirees' Association Secretary Deanne Simpson passed away. Gerard Grysko was approved as our Secretary. Our new mailing address is P.O. Box 51070 Livonia, MI 48151.

The last WCLC meeting was held June 28th. Ron Yee asked about the new BCBS offered to retirees 65 for present day retirees. July 19th is the next meeting.

Motion by Sister Bauman, properly supported by Sister O'Leary-MacGillis, 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 \$235,942.32 in cash and investments as of June 30, 2023. There are 1,205 current members with 177 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (49) members lost this year with (38) of those members deaths.

Motion by Brother Wadlin, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Brother Macdonald's Report:

Medical Insurance for Disability Retirees

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.

There has been no progress in discussions to implement the arbitration decision since May 2023. Wayne County continues to argue about the retirees to be included in the decision.

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 July 1, 2023. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS/Alerus. We currently are not aware of any stipend payment issues.

Motion by Brother Wadlin, properly supported by Sister O'Leary-MacGillis, to accept the report as presented. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Brother Yee reported that at the June meeting of Chapter 255, there was a PowerPoint Presentation on the State's new Retirement Tax Laws. We are trying to secure a copy of the presentation to be available on our website.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Brother Yee gave a big welcome back to Brother Charlie Parker, who was visiting the Detroit area, Brother Parker lives in New Mexico now.

Brother Yee also notified the membership of the illness of Brother Paul Pendracki who is currently hospitalized.

There was a Moment of Silence for members who have passed.

There were 33 attendees signed in.

Regular Attendance Drawing:

\$20 – L.C. Barnard

\$10 – Bobbi Palmer

\$10- Richard Johnson

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brother Wadlin, to adjourn the meeting at 1:18 pm. The motion carried.