



WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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Executive Board

Pamela Hyde-Shelton
Paul Pendracki
Jerry Smith
Trustees

August 8, 2023

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

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: None

GUEST: None

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Brother Pendracki made the motion, properly supported by Brother Noelke, 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:

MiARA – July 2023 – Announcing the 3rd Quarter Membership meeting on August 9, 2023. UAW Local 659 Union Hall, 4549 Van Slyke, Rd., Flint at 10 am.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, 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 11, 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 Brother Wadlin, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of July 11, 2023, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:

Just a reminder that Empower and Titan Wealth Advisors will be making a presentation at our September 12, 2023, meeting. Empower and Titan administer our Defined Contribution plans and our Deferred Compensation Plan. They will make a short presentation and then be available to answer any questions and allow you to check on or update your beneficiary. Titan Wealth Advisors was also recently hired to oversee our Defined Benefit Plan effective August 1, 2023. They will also be providing our lunch from Thomas' Restaurant at the meeting.

The Labor Coalition had a Zoom meeting with the County regarding making the BCBSM Medicare Advantage Plan available as an option for mirrored Retirees age 65 and older. A representative from the Coalition spoke as well as Mark Mueller and me. The County said they need Corporation Counsel, Labor Relations, and their benefit consultant, legal consultants, to review the proposal before they can approve this change. We emphasized that it would need to be approved by September 1, 2023, to be implemented effective January 1, 2024. Based on their response, I am not encouraged that this will be accomplished.

The Retirement Office sent out 4,543 signature verification forms on May 1, 2023. They have received 3,690 completed forms which means 853 retirees have not responded. They recently sent out a reminder notice to those 853 retirees. After 60 days if the retiree has not returned a completed form, their monthly benefit will be suspended until such time as a completed form is returned. If you have not sent in the form, you should receive a notice in the mail. I have copies of the form if you need one.

The Chapter 255 convention is scheduled for October 13 & 14 and they are requesting our recommendations for the following committees: Constitution Committee; Elections Committee; Resolutions Committee; Rules Committee; and Sgt-at-Arms. Brother Yee will be asking for approval to purchase registration for the Executive Board and up to 20 Sub-Chapter members who wish to attend.

The Wayne County Treasurer has notified the Retirement office that they are looking at no longer issuing paper checks to both active employees and retirees, instead moving to "Pay cards" which will act like a gift card. The Retirement office has opposed this move and if the Treasurer moves in that direction, will implement its own check processing system and print checks through the Retirement office.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT: None

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Financial Report:

The financial report was presented by Brother Noelke, Treasurer. The Sub-Chapter has \$237,468.60 in cash and investments as of July 31, 2023. There are 1,203 current members with 177 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (51) members lost this year with 41 of those as a result of death.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chapter 255:

Brother McCall attended the last meeting which was held in East Lansing. The Mayor of East Lansing was the only presenter who was able to attend. The upcoming convention was discussed. Sister Bauman clarified that the convention is Friday, October 13, in the afternoon (workshops) with an event Friday night; and the actual convention will be Saturday, October 14, 2023 and the location is the UAW Hall (here). Abdul El-Sayed will be leading a workshop on Medicare for All on Friday afternoon. The workshops will be 2-4 pm with the reception from 6-9 pm.

Representative Elissa Slotkin will be speaking (hopefully) along with others. The Convention call on Saturday is Registration to start at 9 am.

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Brother Wadlin. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brother McCall, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to purchase a full-page ad for Sub-Chapter 38 in the Chapter 255 Program for the convention at a cost of \$200.00.

The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, for Sub-Chapter 38 to purchase tickets (registration fee) to attend the Chapter 255 Convention for all Executive Board; all members appointed to Convention Committees; and twenty (20) Sub-Chapter 38 members to attend the convention in October at a cost of \$20 per ticket. The motion carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

A moment of silence was held for members who have passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Brother Pendracki to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 am