



# WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

## WE MAKE MICHIGAN HAPPEN

Ronald Yee  
*President*

September 12, 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, Cairgle, Hyde-Shelton, Kreklau, McCall, Noelke, Pendracki, Smith, Sockolosky, Wadlin and Yee

Faith Cairgle  
*Sergeant-At-Arms*

**EXCUSED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

John McCall  
James Sockolosky  
Julie Bauman  
*Executive Board*

**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.

Pamela Hyde-Shelton  
Paul Pendracki  
Jerry Smith  
*Trustees*

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Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister O'Leary-MacGillis to suspend the regular order to business to allow the guest speaker from Empower, to address the membership at 1:01 pm. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to return to the regular order of business at 1:09 pm. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### 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 August 8, 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 Noelke, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of August 8, 2023, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

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**PRESIDENT:**

There are still about 300 retirees who have not completed and returned the information verification form to the Retirement Office. They have sent out emails to the affected retirees if they had an email address and/or have attempted to contact them by telephone. If they do not get a response, they may suspend future benefit payments until they receive the completed form.

The Chapter 255 Convention will be held on October 13 and 14 in this UAW Hall. The following names have been sent to Chapter 255 to sit on committees:

Constitution Committee – Hugh McDonald  
Election Committee – Nicole Paron; Luemiza Riggs  
Resolution Committee – Kim Curry-Smith  
Rules Committee – Pam Hyde-Shelton; Betty Bishop  
Sgt. at Arms – Faith Cairgle

We are entitled to 13 delegates for the 7 committee assignments; Jim Sockolosky; John Hubert and I will serve as delegates if elected by the membership today along with Mary Etta Kreklau; Paul Pendracki; Ron Lacasse and Rich Noelke. Workshops will begin at 2:00 pm on Friday, October 13 and will include the following topics; Retiree Legislative Update; Financial Planning for Retirees and No-Worries Healthcare. There will be a reception from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The Convention will be on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm. We are entitled to 13 delegates and the membership has approved paying the \$20 registration fee for up to 20 members to attend. We currently have 13 members signed up so far so we still have 7 spots open. If you want to attend, let us know before the end of this meeting. We will be taking a photo of the Executive Board for an ad in the Chapter 255 Convention Booklet after the meeting.

Just a few interesting acts from the Retirement System; the fund has paid 1.4 billion dollars in benefits over the last 10 years, but still has a current market value of over 1 billion dollars; the General Fund DB Plan is currently funded at 64% with the Airport defined benefit at 79% (both are on an upward trend with both employers paying their annual required contributions and an additional amount to reduce the unfunded accrued liability). The Board recently hired Titan Wealth Advisors as the Defined Benefit Plans' new consultant.

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

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

The August meeting of the Wayne County Labor Coalition has been cancelled.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Sockolosky, 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 \$235,696.86 in cash and investments as of August 31, 2023. There are 1,198 current members with 177 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (56) members lost this year.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Brother Macdonald's Report:** (Read by President Yee in Brother Macdonald's absence).

#### **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.

Wayne County has filed another appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals seeking to overturn Judge Hubbard's order to implement the arbitrators' award. In the meantime, discussions to implement the arbitration award with no progress. Wayne County continues to argue about the retirees to be included in the 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 September 1, 2023. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS/Alerus. We are currently not aware of any stipend payment issues.

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

### **CHAPTER 255:**

Brother McCall reported that the Chapter 255 Executive Board had met in September pertaining to the upcoming convention. There will be a program for the convention and we are still looking for ads for the program. The deadline for submission is October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There are a couple of constitutional amendments considered at the convention. One amendment to be considered is changing the term of office for Trustees from a two (2) year term to a four (4) year term.

The other amendment to be considered is changing the terms for the officers for the same reason.

If amendments are adopted, they will be submitted to a committee for wording; then on to the International before being adopted.

Sister Bauman reported that the workshops on Friday, one of the workshops is on legislative action and we are looking for a speaker that can explain how the new pension tax revisions will work since they will be implemented over a four-year period. The workshop at 4 pm is with Dr. Abdul El Sayed, who is involved in the Medicare For All programs. He will explain why this program is important for seniors. The evening program will be a reception and we have commitments from twelve vendors who will be here with information. The Keynote Speaker on Saturday will be the Speaker of the Michigan House, Joe Tate. There will be some rewards given out and our President, Ron Yee, will be honored at the luncheon.

Brother McCall also reported that Council 25 will have their convention on October 6 and 7, 2023. Chapter 255 has one (1) delegate that will be attending, that is, Ed McNeil, and if he can't make it, Brother McCall will be attending.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin to accept the Chapter 255 report. The motion carried.

#### **PEOPLE Committee:**

Sister Bauman reported that the PEOPLE Committee did candidate screening on August 29, 2023, for Region 2 local election candidates. The members that did the screening were Kim Curry-Smith, Faith Cairgle, Pam Hyde-Shelton, and John McCall. The endorsed candidate listing will be in the bulletin for the October meeting and also on the Sub-Chapter website.

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to approve the appointments to Chapter 255 convention committees as adopted by the Executive Board. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to ratify the designation of the Delegates to the Chapter 255 convention, as adopted by the Executive Board. The motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers:

Brother Yee announced there will be elections held at the October meeting and there will be nominations taken for the position of Trustee. Brother Jerry Smith has informed us he will not

run for re-election to this position. Therefore, we will open the floor for nominations today and we will also take nominations at the October meeting for this vacancy along with the election of all other positions on the Executive Board. All terms end at this time with the exception of the remaining two Trustee positions. There were no nominations made.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

President Yee reported that yesterday was the anniversary of the attacks on 9/11. I would like to ask for a moment of silence for those that lost their lives and health as a result of those actions.

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

Sister Kim Curry-Smith called me earlier today and said her 97-year old uncle has passed away and she will not be able to attend meeting today, but asked for prayers for her family.

He asked announced that today is Sister Sandy O’Leary-MacGillis’ birthday. She is turning 80. So we wish her a very happy birthday. Tuesday is Larry Barnard’s birthday. He will be 72 years old. Birthday wishes were given to both.

There were 38 attendees signed in.

**Regular Attendance Drawing:**

\$20 – #21–Maureen Cosgrove

\$10 – #12 – Jean Kearney

\$10- #5 – Julie Bauman

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Brother Pendracki, to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 pm. The motion carried.