



WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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Julie Bauman
Executive Board

Pamela Hyde-Shelton
Paul Pendracki
Jerry Smith
Trustees

October 10, 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 (11:47); Kreklau, McCall, Noelke, Pendracki, Smith, Sockolosky, Wadlin, and Yee

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Macdonald

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

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. MiARA Meeting notice for 4th Quarterly Membership Meeting, November 8, 2023, at UAW Region 1, Warren, Michigan Receive and File

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Sister Bauman, to receive and file. The motion carried.

READING OF MINUTES

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of September 12, 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 September 12, 2023, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried

REPORT OF OFFICERS

President:

Brother Yee reminded the Board of the Chapter 255 Biennial Convention which is next weekend with workshops starting Friday afternoon and a reception Friday night. The convention itself starts Saturday morning. Tickets to attend are still available for those that wish to go.

The WCERS verification process is still in process. While most retirees have submitted the form but a few hundred have not. Those people will begin to receive paper checks rather than direct deposits and eventually that paper checks will stop and the pension monies will be held in abeyance until the verification forms are received.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT: Brother Wadlin will save his comments for the Membership meeting.

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Financial Report:

Brother Noelke reported that the Sub-Chapter has \$232,708.17 in cash and investments as of September 30, 2023. There are 1,197 current members with 177 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (60) members lost this year.

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

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to adopt the Sub-Chapter 38 proposed budget for the budget year 2023-2024 as presented based on a membership of 1,163 with approved disbursements of \$15,568.67; and Affiliation fees to Chapter 255 of \$17,083.33. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Semi-Annual Trustee Report:

Sister Hyde-Shelton read the report to the Board. Motion by Brother Wadlin, properly supported by Sister Bauman to accept the to accept the semi-annual Trustee report as presented. The motion carried.

**REPORT, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Presented by Brother Macdonald)
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 order to implement to arbitrator’s award. In the meantime, discussions to implement the arbitration award with no progress. Wayne County continues to argue about the retirees included in the award. There has been no progress in settling this case in the past three months.

**HEALTH CARE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT (STIPENDS)
Prescription Co-Pay Settlement**

The payments by Wayne County of non-Medicare eligible stipends appear to be consistent with the settlement agreement through the payment due October 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 Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to accept Brother Macdonald’s report. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to support Chapter 255 Constitution Proposal #1 regarding terms of office and **not to support** Chapter 255 Constitution Proposal #2 regarding the change in the constitution removing the limit of Executive Officers that may be from the same Sub-Chapter or Region. The motion carried.

Brother McCall indicates he will check into Chapter 255 not sending minutes or treasurer reports to the secretary of Sub-Chapter 38.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Noelke to contact the Wayne County Retirement System Director and make the appropriate arrangements and payment for the Holiday Luncheon for Wayne County Employees’ Retirement System office employees. The motion carried

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to make arrangements for the holiday luncheon for the Sub-Chapter 38 Executive Board at Rocky's of Northville. The motion carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Brother Yee reported the passing of Sister Lois Banks.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Sister Bauman, to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m. The motion carried.