



WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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November 14, 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, Noelke, Pendracki, Sockolosky, Wadlin, and Yee

EXCUSED: Grysko and McCall

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Macdonald and Smith

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

1. MiARA September 2023 Newsletter regarding the UAW Strike 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 October 10, 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 October 10, 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 that the Medicare stipend for eligible members will be increased \$2.16 monthly effective January 1, 2024.

The WCERS verification process is still in process. There are still 100 retirees who have not completed the necessary forms to verify their eligibility. 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.

The Sub-Chapter is still working with the County and the various parties to make BC/BS Medicare Advantage plan available to "mirrored" retirees, that is being offered with a group rate, to Wayne County retirees eligible. We were working toward a January 1, 2024 effective date, but that has not been possible within the Wayne County structure.

The holiday luncheon for the staff of the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Office will be held Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the office at noon on the 18th Floor. The holiday luncheon for members of the Executive Board, Sub-Chapter 38 will be held on Friday, December 15, 2023, at Rocky's on 7 Mile, Northville at 12:30 pm.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT: Brother Wadlin reported that the Wayne County Labor Coalition meeting is starting to get better. The members are learning the art of negotiation.

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

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Financial Report:

Brother Noelke reported that the Sub-Chapter has \$229,387.17 in cash and investments as of October 31, 2023. There are 1,199 current members with 177 participating in the PEOPLE Plan and (63) members lost this year.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sister Bauman gave the report on behalf of the committee. She thanked the Committee members for their work. She also asked that those that attended are asked to submit their comments, both good and bad, to her in writing so that she can take them to the Chapter 255 Executive Board.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to accept the Chapter 255 report as submitted. 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 four (4) 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:

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to **ratify** the action of the Executive Board taken at the Chapter 255 Convention, to donate \$500 to the UAW Strike fund. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to approve ten (10) \$20 gift cards to be distributed via member sign-in at the November membership meeting. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Noelke, to adjust the 2023-2024 Sub-chapter budget Line Item – Contributions \$1,000 from the Printing line item to a total of \$1,500 in the Contribution line item. The motion carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Brother Yee informed the Board that Sister Betty Bishop's husband has passed. The services will be held on November 18, 2023, at the Carver Funeral Home at 11 a.m.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Sister Cairgle, to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m. The motion carried.