



WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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Gerard Grysko
Trustees

November 14, 2023

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

PRESENT: Bauman, Cairgle, Grysko, Hyde-Shelton, Kreklau, Noelke, Pendracki, Sockolosky, Wadlin, and Yee

EXCUSED: McCall

ABSENT: None

GUEST: **Mark Mueller** of TMR & Associates, Alerus Representative, MERS Representative, Lynn Henley

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

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Announcement by Sergeant-of-Arms requesting all cell phones to be turned off and no talking during speakers' presentation and if important, take the conversation out in the hallway.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to suspend the regular order of business at 1:04 pm to allow speakers to address the membership. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Macdonald, to return to the regular order of business at 2:11 pm. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. MiARA September 2023 Newsletter regarding the UAW Strike Receive and File

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Brother Macdonald, to receive and file this item. The motion carried.

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READING OF MINUTES

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Macdonald, 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 Macdonald, 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:

President Yee reviewed the 2024 calendar year monthly Medicare stipend amounts: \$140.72 or \$145.72.

The 2024 Medicare cost for MOST Medicare recipients is \$174.70 monthly.

There are still 80 people who have STILL not completed the WCERS verification process. Those individuals will have their direct deposits cancelled and a paper check will be issued – but – will be held within the WCERS pending release upon proper verification.

The Sub-Chapter is still working with the County to try and get this new BC/BS Medicare Advantage Plan to be offered to mirrored retirees eligible for Medicare. This plan would reduce the current costs to those mirrored retirees substantially.

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

COMMITTEES:

**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 Noelke, to accept Brother Macdonald’s report. The motion carried.

Chapter 255:

Sister Bauman gave the report on behalf of the committee. She thanked the Committee members for their work and thanked those that helped out. She also requests that those that attended please 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Brother Yee requested that at the Chapter 255 convention, the Executive Board of the Sub-Chapter, moved to commit \$500 to the UAW Strike Fund. Brother Yee is requesting ratification of that action by the Membership at today’s meeting. Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to ratify the \$500 commitment made by Sub-Chapter 38 at the Chapter 255 convention. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brother Yee requested a motion to increase the Postage fund and Contribution fund of the 2023-2024 Sub-Chapter Budget.

Motion by Macdonald, properly supported by Sister O’Leary-MacGillis, to increase the Postage Line Item by \$700 and increase the Contribution Line Item to \$1,000 taking the funding from the Legal line-item. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Macdonald, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to give out ten (10) \$20 holiday gifts at the November and December Membership meetings. The motion carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE

President Yee informed the membership that Betty Bishop’s husband died. The services will be held on November 18, 2023, at the Carver Funeral Home at 11 a.m.

Brother George Kopp has lost both a sister and brother in the last month.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

Attendance drawing:

Special drawing for ten (10) \$20 Holiday gifts in addition to the regular attendance drawing.

There were 61 attendees that signed in.

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| #46 – Dennis Abraham | #27 – Pam Arnott | #59 – Kathy Smith |
| #4 – Hugh Macdonald | #50 – Emanuel Clayton, Jr. | #18 – L. Barnard |
| #41 – Gary Rotter | #23 – Jack Parmenter | #34 – S. O’leary-MacGillis |
| #8 – Maureen Cosgrove | #14 – Luemiza Riggs | #16 – G. Grysko |

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 pm. The motion carried.