



WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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October 8, 2024

Ronald Yee
President

Douglas Wadlin
Vice-President

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Richard Noelke
Secretary Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 Noon by President Yee and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary Etta Kreklau
Recording Secretary

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

Faith Cairgle
Sergeant-At-Arms

EXCUSED: None

John McCall
James Sockolosky

ABSENT: None

Julie Bauman
Executive Board

GUESTS: Macdonald

Pamela Hyde-Shelton
Paul Pendracki
Gerard Grysko
Trustees

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Brother Pendracki made the motion, properly supported by, Sister Bauman, 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 – Notice of 4th Quarter 2024 Membership Meeting, Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at UAW Region 1D, 1940 W. Atherton Road, Flint, MI 48507

Trustees - Correspondence of September 25, 2024, RE: Sub-Chapter 38 Trustee Semi-Annual Audit
Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Wadlin to receive and file Item 1; and refer Item 2 to Committees. 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 September 10, 2024, 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 10, 2024, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

President:

We are expecting a number of speakers for the Membership meeting today.

Thanks go to Gerard Grysko, our newest Trustee, for adding over 40 new members to our Sub-Chapter through a membership drive of the Wayne County Sheriffs and Airport Police Retiree Association.

Absentee ballots are out and we encourage you to complete them and turn them in. Although you can mail them, we would encourage you to return them to your city/township clerk's office to make sure they get in, especially as we get closer to Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th.

We are still working with Zoom on testing a Zoom Meeting System. The hardware company said they do not normally rent equipment to test, but will work with Zoom to make it happen.

The Retiree Trustee Election will be held between Bettye Misuraca, the current incumbent, and Tina Turner. They both spoke at our last meeting. The election will be held by mail in balloting and will be conducted in November.

The active Employee Trustee, Cassandra MacDonald (no relation to Hugh) has retired and only one person filed for the position. Dennis Martin will be the new Active Employee Trustee serving a 4-year term beginning January 1, 2025.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT: None

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Financial Report:

Brother Noelke reported that the Sub-Chapter has \$259,238.45 in cash and investments as of September 30, 2024. There are 1,217 members with a loss of 52 members since the first of the year. Currently there are 171 members with payroll deductions to the AFSCME PEOPLE fund.

Motion by Brother Pendrcki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the Treasurer report for September 2024 as presented. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendrcki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to adjust the 2023-24 Budget by moving \$4000 of Investment Income to over the shortages in Conferences and Conventions; Office Supplies; and Postage. The motion carried.

Motion by Brother Pendrcki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the **2024-25 Sub-Chapter 38 budget** as recommended with \$37,700 anticipated revenue and disbursements of \$19,994. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PEOPLE Committee:

The endorsements made by Chapter 255 were in your meeting announcements for today's meeting and are also on the Chapter 255 website. Make a plan to vote and make sure to vote the **non-partisan section** of the ballot.

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

Trustee Report:

Trustee Hyde-Shelton, read the September 25, 2024, Trustee Semi-Annual Audit to the Executive Board.

Motion by Brother Wadlin, properly supported by Sister Cairgle, to accept the Trustee Semi-Annual audit report as presented. The motion carried.

**REPORT, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Presented by Brother Macdonald)
Medical Insurance for Disability Retirees**

Since 2020, AFSCME Council 25 and this Sub-Chapter have been challenging the Wayne County discontinuance of health care insurance for disability retirees. There have been three (3) arbitration hearings, numerous Wayne County Circuit Court decisions and two (2) Michigan Court of Appeals hearings. Notwithstanding that, the arbitrator and the courts ruled against Wayne County each time, Wayne County, once again, has filed another appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court. Wayne County continues to appeal the first arbitrator's award that states, **"The County violated the collective bargaining agreement when it made changes to healthcare benefits for newly approved duty and non-duty disability retirees. The County must rescind Administrative Personnel Order 1-2010 and make whole the duty or non-duty disability retirees who were improperly denied healthcare benefits after 2010 by virtue of the fact that they did not meet the age and service requirements for "normal" retirement."**

As of now, Council 25 and this Sub-Chapter are waiting on the latest arbitrator's award, and if the Michigan Supreme Court will accept the latest Wayne County appeal.

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT (STIPENDS)

The payments by Wayne County of non-Medicare eligible stipends appear to be consistent with the settlement agreement through the payment due October 1, 2024. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend amounts transferred to MERS/Alerus.

The Sub-Chapter has one (1) open file with unique questions concerning retiree stipends. This file is expected to be resolved without a grievance being filed.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept Brother Macdonald's report. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Brother Grysko, properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to nominate Brother Paul Pendracki, as Trustee for Sub-Chapter 38 with a term ending September 30, 2027. Brother Pendracki accepted the nomination, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brother Noelke polled the Executive Board regarding the annual holiday luncheon; suggesting Rocky's for Wednesday, December 18, 2024. All were in agreement

He will contact the Wayne County Retirement System for a possible date for the annual holiday luncheon for the Retirement Board staff.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Brother Grysko reminded Board members of the annual Medicare open enrollment period.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Brother Wadlin, to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m. The motion carried.