



# WAYNE COUNTY RETIREE SUB-CHAPTER 38

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Ronald Yee  
President

Douglas Wadlin  
Vice-President

February 11, 2025

Richard Noelke  
Secretary Treasurer

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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

Faith Cairgle **PRESENT:** Bauman, Cairgle, Grysko, Hyde-Shelton (12:20 pm), McCall, Noelke, Pendracki, Sockolosky, and Yee  
Sergeant-At-Arms

John McCall **EXCUSED:** Kreklau and Wadlin  
James Sockolosky

Julie Bauman **ABSENT:** None  
Executive Board

**GUESTS:** Macdonald

Pamela Hyde-Shelton

Paul Pendracki **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Brother Pendracki made the motion, properly supported by, Brother Noelke, to accept the roll call of officers. The motion carried.  
Gerard Grysko  
Trustees

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### CORRESPONDENCE:

**MiARA** – Notice of 1st quarterly meeting to be held on 2/26/2025 at Michigan AFL-CIO in Lansing MI.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to receive and file the MiARA Notice for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly meeting of 2025. The motion carried.

### READING OF MINUTES:

Motion by Brother Pendracki properly supported by Brother Grysko, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of January 14, 2025, 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 Grysko, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Membership meeting of January 14, 2025, leaving the record open to the end of the meeting for corrections, additions, or deletions. The motion carried.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

### **President:**

Just a reminder that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dinner is Saturday, February 22, 2025. It will be held at the International Banquet Center, 400 Monroe St., 8<sup>th</sup> Flor. Cocktail time will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner to follow at 7:00 pm. The following members have been provided a ticket to the dinner: Nicole Parone; Elona Davis, Betty Bishop, Kim Curry-Smith, Tom O'Brien, Kyle Orr, Larry Jessup, Elaine Gilbert, Keisha Clark and her son. Parking will be reimbursed for \$20 with a paid receipt.

If you have a 40A and/or a 457 account with Empower, they are encouraging everyone to register their account and put in a beneficiary. There are 1,079 401A accounts and 1,069 457 accounts not registered. Failure to register your account leaves your account vulnerable to hacking and would allow someone else to register the account in their name. There are also 1,756 401A accounts without a beneficiary. And 1,007 457 accounts with a beneficiary. If you want the balances in your accounts to be paid to the appropriate person, you need to make sure you have named a beneficiary. You will need the social security number of your beneficiary to complete the update. If you have both types of accounts, you will need to register each account separately and add beneficiary information separately to each account.

The newly created "Benefits Committee" met and discussed the possibility of having the Inflation Equity Check restored. Brother Tom Koenig and Brother Tom Komrey attended the meeting, and it was explained that this would not be something that will be achieved in the short run as both the County Commissioners and the County Executive would have to be supportive of this type of change. The committee will meet again to discuss options for a starting point to discuss with the County. I am gathering information from other retirement systems regarding any cost-of-living adjustments that they may provide. I don't want to get your hopes up that this is a done deal as we have a long way to go to bring this to fruition. If you want to sit on this committee, please provide me with your name, e-mail address and cell phone number. Once I have more information, we will schedule another meeting.

Finally, I would request authorization to be reimbursed for any costs for meals, meeting expenses or incidental expenses I might incur in meeting with the Benefits Committee, Commissioners, County Executive staff or others.

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

Motion by Brother Grysko, properly supported by Brother McCall, to establish a \$2,000 budget for the purpose of reimbursing President Yee for costs incurred in conjunction with the Benefits Committee including, cost of meals, meeting expenses or incidental expenses. The motion carried.

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** None

### **SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

#### **Financial Report:**

Brother Noelke reported that the Sub-Chapter has \$250,848.05 in cash and investments as of January 31, 2025. There are 1,204 members with a loss of 10 members since the first of the year. Currently there are 173 members with payroll deductions to the AFSCME PEOPLE fund.

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to accept the Treasurer report for February 2025 as presented. The motion carried.

Brother Noelke submitted three reports for consideration; the 2024 Federal income tax return, the AFSCME annual financial report; and the surety bond report.

Motion by Brother Grysko, properly supported by Sister Bauman, to authorize and approve the execution of these forms by Brother Noelke and Brother Yee and submission of the forms as required. The motion carried.

Brother Grysko thanked Brother Noelke for the excellent work he does.

**REPORT, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Presented by Brother Macdonald)**

**Medical Insurance for Disability Retirees**

The Michigan Supreme has not issued a response to the latest Wayne County November 7, 2024, application for appeal. The arbitrator has indicated she will issue an award from June 13, 2024, arbitration hearing.

**HEALTH CARE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT (STIPENDS)**

**Prescription Co-Pay Settlement**

The remittances by Wayne County for non-Medicare eligible and the deposits of Medicare eligible stipends into member's accounts at ALERUS continue to be consistent with the settlement agreement through February 1, 2025. Wayne County is providing monthly reports of stipend payments. Wayne County has also agreed to provide account status reports of the accounts at ALERUS as requested by the Sub-Chapter. The Sub-Chapter has one (1) open file with unique questions concerning retiree stipends. This file is expected to be resolved without grievance being filed.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Brother Noelke reported that Sister Delphine Fairbanks has been ill since October, but she does now have a caretaker living with her and is doing well.

President Yee asked for information regarding a request made to him by a member to have a representative of AFLAC attend and address the membership at some time in the future. There wasn't support for this among the Executive Board.

There was a moment of silence for deceased members.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Brother Pendracki, properly supported by Brother Grysko, to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m. The motion carried.