

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 November 2023
Membership Meeting Minutes

The November 15, 2023, membership meeting was called to order at 12:13 p.m. Diane, Dave, Tony, Jesse, John, Ida, and MacArthur were the officers and executive board members present. Diane presided.

There was a drawing for a free lunch (everyone had been asked to order a lunch), and Dorothy won the drawing.

Dr. Peter Gann spoke on Medicare and Medicare Advantage.

Tony read the October 2023 membership meeting minutes, John moved to accept them, Ida seconded the motion, and it passed.

Jesse gave the November 2023 secretary-treasurer's report, John moved to accept it, Pat seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane said she was visiting State Senator Don Harmon with the Alliance of Community Services and other groups the next day. She also said that we held a forum on threats to Medicare and that our union pays dues to Physicians for a National Health Plan.

Dorothy said it would be a good idea to give Thom Hartmann, Amy Goodman, and Randi Rhodes from Free Speech TV a little money. Diane asked Dorothy to bring information about Free Speech TV to the next meeting.

Diane said the Executive Board of Retirees would meet in Springfield. She also said that on November 10 there had been a citizens' action dinner and MacArthur and Iris attended.

Diane said there was a report on the Northwestern University Accountability Alliance. Citing ISSU, she said, "Northwestern doesn't pay taxes. It should pay." She also said some Starbucks stores, including the ones in Evanston, were holding rebellions that day and the next day. And she said Howard Brown Health Care Workers United were on strike. She said they were demanding that CEOs expand health care in underserved communities on the South and West sides.

Diane said we would need speakers for the coming year.

Pat moved to adjourn, Len seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary