

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 February 2024
Membership Meeting Minutes

The February 21, 2024, membership meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. Dave, Tony, Jesse, John, Ida, MacArthur, and Diane, via phone, were the officers and executive board members present. Dave presided.

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

Our speaker was Laurice Bell, executive director of Shorefront Legacy Center. She spoke on the history of Black people in Evanston and African Americans in unions. John said part of Ms. Bell's presentation and some of her slides are on our website, along with information on donations to Shorefront.

Tony read the January 2024 membership meeting minutes, and they were accepted.

Walt, the senior trustee overseeing our finances, said the checkbooks and bank statements all looked good and there would be a written report at the next meeting.

Diane said the Amazon organizing committee was asking us for \$500 with a resolution. She moved that we grant this request, Dave seconded the motion, and it passed.

Jesse gave the secretary/treasurer's report for February 2024, and it was accepted.

Dave mentioned that we would have an election in April. John moved that we allocate \$2,000 for a mailing concerning the election, Ida seconded the motion, and it passed.

Someone moved that we take out a \$10,000 CD for eleven months at 5 percent interest. Somebody else seconded the motion, and it passed.

Dave said the Alliance for Community Service would hold a showcase via Zoom on March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

John said we should vote yes on the Bring Chicago Home/Chicago Real Estate Transfer Fee referendum. He said taxes would go down on properties worth less than \$1,000,000, and the money would be spent on affordable housing.

Dorothy proposed supporting Free Speech TV, and John said there was no prohibition on it. Dave said we would decide this in March.

Marcia proposed having a doctor in Frankfort speak on glaucoma and cataract surgery but mentioned that it would take a day for them to get back and forth. Someone suggested having the doctor work with a local subchapter.

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary