

AFSCME Retirees' Subchapter 161 April 2024

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The April 11, 2024, executive board meeting was called to order at 12:16 p.m.

Diane, John, Dave, Tony, Jesse, Ida, and MacArthur were the officers and executive board members present. Diane presided.

Diane said that although the Ethical Humanist Society allows us to have only eight people in the conference room, we occasionally need to have more. John asked if we could use the outer room as a waiting room. Diane said the contract is open-ended, so we may use another space and have to pay for this one.

Tony read the minutes for the March 2024 executive board meeting, John moved that we accept them, Ida seconded the motion, and it passed.

John said the handbook states that the election chairperson (Karl) has to call the officers to ask if they want to refuse their nominations. Diane said she had talked to Karl, and he'd said he hadn't called everyone, but he would be at the membership meeting.

Diane said Kim Johnson, the president of the DuPage chapter, may be speaking in May. Diane also said we had renewed our membership in the Illinois Association of Retired Americans.

Jesse gave the Secretary-Treasurer's report for April 2024. John moved that we accept the report, Dave seconded the motion, and it passed.

Jesse said we had purchased a \$10,000-dollar CD for eleven months, and the interest rate should be 5 percent.

Jesse also said we had agreed to pay the Ethical Humanist Society six months at a time for leasing, and Dave said we had paid through June. Diane asked if we could meet somewhere else but still pay for this place.

Diane said Jesse had told her he is accumulating records and needs a place to put them. She said the Alliance of Community Services has an office in a church on Bryn Mawr.

Diane brought up the trip we had planned to take the day before. She said Illinois had wanted to negotiate to buy drugs from Canada, but the other members of the coalition had backed down from fighting for that. She said AFSCME had recommended that we cancel the buses, so we didn't go.

Diane said we had lobbied state legislators for the Long-Term Nursing Home Care Act. She said the physicians' lobby for national health care would be having a forum on Saturday, April 13, at 1:00 p.m. both online and at 2102 West Cermak Road.

Diane said we would talk to Kim Johnson and we should talk about outreach after the next meeting. Diane also said we should plan an event and invite people to it. John said maybe we could hold an August event and start planning for it in May. MacArthur suggested a reverse tip to give people at the event something. John said the tip could be the Toni Gilpin book. Dave said that if we have an event, we should draw from as many organizations as possible.

Dave moved to adjourn, Jesse seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Tony Zappia

Recording Secretary