

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 June 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes

The June 19, 2024, membership meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. Diane, Dave, Tony, Jesse, Ida, John, and MacArthur were the officers and executive board members present. Diane presided.

Tony read the May 2024 membership meeting minutes. Dave moved to accept them, Peter seconded the motion, and it passed.

The Speaker was Anthony Robinson, of the Chicago City Colleges Teachers Union, AFSCME 3506.

Ida won the raffle for a free meal.

Fran Tobin spoke passed out a flyer that said "Protect Nursing Facility Residents and spoke on humanizing long-term care. The Alliance of Community Services will hold a picnic at Lindberg Park, 1150 N. Marion St., Oak Park, Saturday, August 3, 12-4 p.m. There will be a potluck. (Lindberg Park is in Senator Harmon's district.) Diane said that we're thinking of doing an action at Harmon's office after the picnic.

Diane said that at the next meeting, Kim Johnson of the PEOPLE PAC will speak on what's going on locally politically. For September, the executive board proposes a picnic. Dave asked for volunteers to bring ice chests; the union would provide Swiss rollers and potato salad.

Jesse gave the secretary/treasurer's report for May 2024; Dave moved to accept them, John seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane asked Jesse if he knew the amount of the surety bond. Jesse said he thought the last amount we'd paid was \$25 to \$35. Diane explained

that when people have a group bank account, this is an insurance policy on the bank.

Diane said we had received a flyer with QR codes on bills and campaigns. John said that this is a skill we'll need everywhere. He said we should start by opening the camera on our smartphone and pointing it at the QR (Quick Response) code. That will connect us to the Internet without our email addresses or passwords. A frame should go around the QR code, and a yellow box should come up. Then we can hit the yellow box, and we should get information.

Diane spoke about AFSCME 3506 City College part-time teachers, who are doing full-time work but getting only part-time pay. She said we should send the City Colleges administration a letter about this matter. Karl said he lives outside Chicago and asked if it would count for him to send a letter. Diane said it would, and Dave said that it pertains to the City Colleges but affects the entire state.

Diane spoke about visiting State Senator Don Harmon regarding the nursing home bill. She also brought up the Healthcare Protection Act, HB 5395, and HB 4548, which proposes holding Pharmacy Benefit Managers accountable for unscrupulous practices.

We watched a short video on Tier 2 pensions.

Dave said that we're thinking of having a picnic in early September but not on a meeting date. Possible locations for the picnic include Lunt Park, Indian Boundary Park, and Harms Woods.

Dave moved to adjourn, Ida seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary

