

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161  
January 2025 Membership Meeting Minutes

The January 15, 2025, membership meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. Diane, Dave, Ida, John, Jesse, and MacArthur were the officers and executive board members present. Tony attended via Zoom. Diane presided.

Walter Esler spoke by telephone about the Social Security Fairness Act (SSFA). He said this new law rescinds and compensates for the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset. He also informed us that the SSFA had taken effect a week earlier and was retroactive to January 1, 2024.

Ida said, "I want to introduce Kathy Albert. This is her second meeting."

Tony read the November 2024 minutes, Dave moved to accept them, Pat seconded the motion, and it passed.

Jesse gave the secretary/treasurer's report for January 2025. Dave moved to accept the secretary/treasurer's report, Pat seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane said we need to schedule an audit.

John moved that we pay \$500 to the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans (IARA), Dave seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane said the Alliance for Community Services (ACS) will hold a virtual fundraiser and our executive board had recommended giving a \$1,000 donation. John moved that we approve donating \$1,000 to ACS, Dave seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane told us that on Monday, January 20, there would be demonstrations against the Trump administration in the Loop. She said there would also be anti-Trump demonstrations in the suburbs on Saturday. She informed us that on Thursday, February 6, there would be a town hall meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the Oak Park Public Library, at 844 Lake Street.

Diane said Project 2025 is targeting Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. She advised us to call Senators Duckworth and Durbin and advise them to support the single payer healthcare bill. She told us there is a campaign for the State University Retirement System (SURS) to divest its pension from fossil fuels. She said that regarding Tier 2, we are still working on the bill, and it will still be covered in a new session of the legislature.

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

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary