

## **AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 August 2025 Members' Meeting Minutes**

The August 20, 2025, members' meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. Dave, Tony, Diane, Jesse, Ida, John, and MacArthur were the officers and executive board members present. Diane presided.

Ida said we would start with our speaker, who was Adrienne Alexander, Council 31's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Adrienne spoke about issues concerning our federal and state governments. She also told us that at 5:45 that night the Evanston city workers would march from Fountain Square to the Evanston Public Library to protest the city's attempt to make the library an independent district without a union.

Diane mentioned Medicare's 60th anniversary and Social Security's 90th anniversary. She said there would be an anti-fascist Labor Day rally at the Haymarket Memorial at 151–169 North Desplaines Street in Chicago.

Dave said that MacArthur had won the free lunch. Tony read the July 2025 minutes, Dave moved to accept them, John seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane said we would make nominations for the AFSCME Retirees Convention, which would take place on October 14, 15, and 16. She said that the active workers' convention would be held on October 17 and training for vice president, secretary-treasurer, and trustees would take place on October 14.

John said the floor was open for nominations and indicated that there could be up to twelve delegates. Dave, Iris, MacArthur, and Jesse nominated themselves. Diane nominated Karl Heinz, Phil, and herself.

All seven were elected by acclamation. John moved to allocate \$3,000 for convention expenses, Ida seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane told us the e-board had proposed that we cover Iris's expenses for attending the ceremony where she will receive her award. Iris said that instead of buying her a ticket, we should create an ad for the program. Jesse said that publishing ads cost \$100 per page, so putting out a two-page ad would cost \$200. He asked us to cover this expense. Ida said we would have to publish an ad, and John said he would prepare a two-page, \$200 ad. We voted to allocate \$200 for the ad.

There were two new members. They were Linda Zelinski and Nancy Blue. Nancy said she used to live in Chicago.

Diane said the Alliance for Community Services (ACS) will hold a dinner on October 21 at Grace Place at 637 South Dearborn. She told us parking will be available next door. She said ACS will be giving an award to Lakeshia Collins. She told us that she, Dave, Mac, Iris, and John will be attending the dinner. Diane informed us that a full-page ad and a table for the dinner will cost \$600. Dave moved to allocate the necessary sum, John seconded the motion, and it passed.

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

Diane told us Concerned Citizens for Paratransit had a petition. She gave us the petition's website address.

Diane said there would be demonstrations to keep Weiss Memorial Hospital open.

Diane told us Kim Johnson, the president of West Suburban, will be honored on Wednesday, October 22, at a lunch that will run from 11:30

a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Chicago Teachers Union Building at 1900 West Carol Street. She said each ticket will cost \$150, and she, Phil, Dave, MacArthur, and possibly Iris will be attending. Dave moved to allocate up to \$900 for the tickets, John seconded the motion, and it passed.

Dave said he and Walt would be giving a presentation on *The Jazz Clubb* at the Ethical Humanist Society that Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Dave moved to adjourn, Peter seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary