

AFSCME Retirees' Subchapter 161 December 2025 Holiday Members' Meeting Minutes

The December 17, 2025, holiday members' meeting was called to order.

Diane said we were supporting Starbucks. She told us she had flyers and we would picket at Central and Crawford and Dempster and Dodge from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 20.

Diane informed us that she had cards saying, "Know your rights," and Tisa said she had a lawyer's number.

Diane said the city budget was short and it was time to tax the rich. She told us the city council was considering a proposal for a corporate head tax and asked us to tell the alderpeople to support it.

Diane informed us that on January 23 and 24 we would hold the PEOPLE legislative political endorsement meeting in Springfield. She said she, Phil, Iris, Mac, and Jesse would go to the meeting, and our subchapter would pay their hotel and travel expenses. Dave moved to allocate up to \$3,000, Jesse seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane said we had to vote for the subchapter to pay for the food Curt's Café was providing for our party. Dave said we should use up to \$600, but Jesse said the bill amounted to a little more than \$2,000. Dave moved to allocate the necessary money, Pat and Iris seconded the motion, and it passed.

Jesse asked if we could keep the curtain closed. John said we needed a motion to use money for room improvements, such as curtains and microphones. He moved to allocate up to \$800, Ida seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane told us that in January and February we would lobby in support of bills related to prescription drug affordability and long-term nursing care.

Diane said people who were new should tell her or John so that they could send them emails.

Dave moved to adjourn, someone seconded the motion, and we started our holiday party.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary