

AFSCME Retirees' Subchapter 161 July 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

The July 9, 2025, executive board meeting was called to order at 12:21 p.m.

Diane, Dave, Tony, Jesse, MacArthur, and Ida were the officers and executive board members present. John attended by phone, and Iris also attended in person. Diane presided.

Tony read the minutes for the June 2025 executive board meeting. Dave moved to accept them, Ida seconded the motion, and it passed.

Jesse said the finance report hadn't changed since June because the bank hadn't sent out the statement yet.

Diane informed us she and Phil had driven to Peoria to participate in a die-in outside LaHood's office. (The die-in was held to protest the representative's vote in favor of defunding Medicaid.) She told us she needed reimbursement for mileage. Jesse said we should give Diane \$300, and Diane asked him to bring it up for a vote at the membership meeting. Tony received reimbursement for his Lyft ride to the e-board meeting. Someone told us rental for our Greiner Center room was \$50 per meeting and said anyone with expenses should mention them at the membership meeting the following week.

Diane said Mamdani had activated people and she would try to get someone to talk about this at our next meeting.

Diane told us that the Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA) senior power celebration would take place on October 22 at the Chicago Teachers Union building. She said we would need to register for it by September 30 and sponsoring four guests would cost \$700.

Next, Diane informed us that the ARA would hold another event in Ottawa on Saturday, September 13, and reserving a table for eight guests there would cost \$1,500. She asked us which gathering we wanted to

attend, and Dave said we should go to the one in Ottawa. Jesse suggested that we travel there on the night before the event and stay in a hotel. Diane told us she and four other people (Phil, Jesse, Mac, and Dave) were going. She said there was a Friday night registration deadline and expenses would include \$100 for each hotel room (\$50 per person) plus mileage. Dave said the Surrey Motel cost only \$65 per room and was clean. He also said we should allocate \$1,000 but we may need \$1,500.

Diane said the AFSCME convention would take place in Springfield on Thursday, October 16. She told us the convention would convene on Wednesday, October 15, at 9:00 a.m. and continue through Thursday. She also informed us we would need to register on Tuesday night. Then she suggested that we forget about the Chicago ARA senior power celebration.

Diane asked Tony to look up how much we had spent on the AFSCME convention two years ago. He found that according to the July 2023 membership meeting minutes, we voted to pay up to \$6,000 of convention expenses.

Diane told us that Continuing Academic Training Children and Youth Services Inc. had nominated Iris for an award. She said the awards ceremony would take place on the South Side on Saturday, September 13, and tickets would cost \$125.

Diane told us there would be a disability pride parade at the Oak Park Library on Saturday, July 12, at 9:00 a.m. She also said there would be an outreach on Medicaid cuts at 12:00 p.m.

Diane suggested that we think about having a picnic this summer.

Dave moved to adjourn, Jesse and Tony seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary