

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 July 2025 Members' Meeting Minutes

The July 16, 2025, members' meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. Dave, Tony, Diane, Jesse, Ida, and MacArthur were the officers and executive board members present. John was out of town. Diane presided. As soon as the meeting started, Dave announced that the free lunch would go to Irene.

Diane introduced Tom Wilson, who has retired from Access Living, as the speaker. He informed us that on the following day there would be a good trouble protest at Daley Plaza at 5:30 p.m. He advised us to read the book *When Victims Become Killers* and used Rwanda and Israel as examples. Dave thanked Tom for speaking to us. Diane said that at the August meeting, there would be more information about what unions are doing.

Next Iris Johnson spoke. Before she began, Diane announced that she had received an award for being one of the most distinguished women of Illinois.

Tony read the June 2025 minutes, Dave moved to approve them, Pat seconded the motion, and it passed.

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

Diane said transportation to and from LaHood's office in Peoria had cost \$300 per car pool. Dave moved to allocate \$300, Pat seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane informed us that the IARA convention in Ottawa, Illinois, will consist mostly of unions. She said we will need to arrive on the night of

Friday, September 12, because the convention will start early in the morning of Saturday, September 13, and continue until 4:00 p.m. She told us that she, Phil, Dave, Karl, Jesse and Mac will go, the ride will be ninety miles long, and expenses will include \$100 per night for the hotel and \$50 for registration. Pat moved that we allocate up to \$1,500, Ida seconded the motion, and it passed.

Diane informed us that the AFSCME Retirees Convention will take place on Wednesday, October 15, and we will need to get there the night before. She told us she, Phil, Dave, Karl, Iris, Jesse, and Mac will go to the convention and occupy six hotel rooms. She said some of the delegates had been invited to also attend the regular AFSCME convention, which will start on Friday, October 17.

Dave said we should send a get-well card to Walt Esler. Marlene recommended that we buy him a card and have everyone sign it.

Dave moved to adjourn, Ed seconded the motion, and we adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Tony Zappia, Recording Secretary