

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 August 2018 Members' Meeting Minutes

The meeting came to order August 15, 2018 at 11:38 a.m. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and, at Peter's suggestion, we sang the National Anthem. Roll call was taken; all the officers were present and accounted for.

President Charlie Hogan gave the president's report. He said he, Mary, Jesse and MacArthur are going to the convention in Springfield and he wants two more to come.

John said, "If you have a smartphone, take photos at the convention; I'll post them."

Charlie said, "I started a listening project; I want to listen to all of you, where we are and where we're going."

Vice-President Mary Bennett gave the vice-president's report. She said, "I and Nancy Kullpe attended the fundraiser for the Alliance of Community Services. Two people were honored, Diane Stokes and Kathy Powers. It's an alliance between union members and people who receive services. Mr. Tobin will contact us. I went to Bea Lumpkin's 100th birthday party. Bea insisted the money go to the committee for the Alliance of Retired Americans. ALEC had its national convention in North Carolina. They spoke out for the fundamental right to gerrymander, keeping down pay and benefits, blocking paid sick leave laws, and protecting fossil fuels. Their agenda is to take away our voice. We push back by registering to vote.

Walt said, "Charter schools were introduced to stop Catholic schools."

Mary mentioned Get Out the Vote campaign postcards.

Recording Secretary Tony Zappia read the July Members Meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded and approved.

Secretary-Treasurer Jesse Wilson gave the treasurer's report. He said, "The beginning balance was \$31,017.08. A check was written to

John Metz for \$212.50 reimbursing him for payments to DBS Microsystems Inc. for constructing and consulting on the Chapter 161 new Facebook page. Another check for \$300.00 was written to Meals at Home. The statement includes a deposit of \$675.84 from Council 31. The balance includes \$3,628.40 of Charlie's money mistakenly deposited into subchapter 161's account. Our true balance is \$27,388.68. I will also be reimbursing Charlie \$280.00 for expense money to the four subchapter members attending a two day conference in Springfield in January." A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report; the motion was seconded and approved.

Charlie brought up the cost for going to the convention in Springfield. He said, "I'm paid for as a member of the Executive Committee. Two rooms cost \$160, transportation costs \$600, \$850 in case we need cab fare. Dave, Walt, Nancy, MacArthur, Mary and I will go." A motion was made to spend \$850 for six people; the motion was seconded and approved.

Dave asked, "Where do we stand on everyone here being counted as members of Subchapter 161 and on our dues coming here?"

Charlie answered, "I'll look into it." Charlie continued, "I'm opening the floor, and giving it to Mary."

Mary brought up postcards, and said, "My suggestion to Charlie is to make volunteering as easy as possible. Dave Rolston offered his living room for a phone bank, but the phone list has inoperative numbers. The purpose is to mobilize the vote."

Charlie said, "Make it hard for hackers to hack. Talk to family and friends, people you know who listen when you talk to them. 'Did you get an absentee ballot?' You can't hack an absentee ballot. It's a paper ballot."

Shannon asked, "If you get a paper ballot, do you ever wonder what happens to the paper ballot?"

Jim replied, "All paper ballots including absentee ballots go to the same place."

Shannon asked, "Are paper ballots available for review?"

Jim answered, "They are available for review. You get a 'toilet roll.' You can now transmit, there are transmitters."

Peter said, "Machines are faster, but paper ballots are counted."

Ida asked, "Why is paper safer than electronic?"

Bill pointed out, "It isn't."

Walt said, "Look at your ballot when you vote. The machine should make a paper ballot; look at it. Make sure it says who you voted for. The biggest thing is to make sure you vote. As an old precinct captain, I know young people don't vote. Nag them to vote."

Charlie asked, "Should we buy our own cards or should you buy your own cards and we'll reimburse you?"

Carl said, "I'm a precinct captain in Bloomingdale. Go to your precinct captain; they'll give you a list of voters."

Jim said, "Drivers and babysitters are needed."

Mary pointed out, "After Election Day, our political adversaries do not quit."

Charlie said, "You bring your cards, and we'll figure out how to pay you."

Shannon said, "In Jan Schakowsky's district, they're making a big effort."

Pat asked, "In Missouri, they passed anti-right-to-work laws. Will it hold up after Janus?"

John answered, "That's for private employees; Janus is for public employees."

Dave asked, "In Springfield, can we talk about single payer?"

Charlie replied, "Talk to former members of your local. Use single payer as an icebreaker."

Dave said, "If we ask people to join us, then bring up single payer; why should we join, we're big on single payer."

Mary said, "Be aware of priorities, self-preservation. After Janus, get people to join the union. Point Number Two: there's been no state conference in four years, no raises, they're not hiring."

Charlie said, "Get out the vote, next, vote, then focus on what we need, family focus. The next meeting is September 12."

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.