

AFSCME Subchapter 161 September 16, 2020 Members' Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. Ronald Smolin, Anthony Zappia, Jesse Wilson, John Metz, Diane Stokes, Edward Schneidman, Mary Bennett, Patrick Houlihan, Walter Esler, David Rolston, Frank Salvatini, MacArthur Diggs, and Norma Smolin were present.

Anthony read the August 2020 members' meeting minutes.

John made a correction that the meeting started at 12:30 p.m. and not 12:30 a.m.

The minutes were accepted.

Jesse read the treasurer's report for August. The ending balance on July 31 and the beginning balance on August 1 was 33,290.59. A check for \$656.95 was written to Forest Printing Company. A rebate of \$680.24 was received from the mother chapter 31, making the ending balance for August 31 and the beginning balance for September 1 \$33,313.88, which is the current balance for September 16, 2020.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Diane asked if she is a signer of checks at the bank, and said she, Jesse and Mary would go to the bank the next day.

Plans for the audit were discussed.

Ronald read changes to the constitution for Retirees' Subchapter 161. In Article 4, Section 3, rates of annual dues payments will be set by Chapter 31.

Norma asked, "Is it Council 31 and Chapter 31?"

Diane said that it is Chapter 31.

Ed asked, "Am I right in saying some have been paying two dollars and some have been paying three dollars?"

Norma answered, "No, everyone pays three dollars."

Dave pointed out, "It just wasn't updated in the constitution."

Ronald continued, "Section 4, Payment of Dues. Non-payroll pension deductions shall be paid annually in advance to Chapter 31. Anyone not paying will be considered delinquent, and shall be suspended."

Ron added, "We're not going to penalize those living in Chicago in our membership."

“Article 6, Section 2, all regular elections will be held in April, as directed by Chapter 31. That means things have to change by March.

“Article 6, Section 8, Removal from Office. Should any officer be absent at three consecutive meetings of the executive board without an excuse acceptable to a majority of the executive board, they’ll lose their position. Articles seven and eight are the same. We’ll proceed to vote.”

Frank said, “I’m in a different subchapter, so I don’t think I should vote.”

John said, “We need a quorum. Tony, verify there are ten present.”

Tony answered, “I verify there are ten present.”

A motion to vote passed.

Everyone was to state their name and their vote. “John Metz, I vote ‘Yes.’” “Ron Smolin, I vote ‘Yes.’” “Anthony or Tony Zappia, I vote ‘Yes.’” “Patrick Houlihan, I vote ‘Yes.’” “MacArthur Diggs, I vote ‘Yes.’” “Edward Schneidman, I vote ‘Yes.’” “Walter Esler, I vote ‘Yes.’” “Jesse Wilson, I vote ‘Yes.’” “Mary Bennett, I vote ‘Yes.’” “Dave Rolston, I vote ‘Yes.’” “Norma Smolin, I vote ‘Yes.’” “Diane Stokes, I vote ‘Yes.’”

Diane said, “It’s a unanimous vote.”

Norma said, “Frank, I have Maria’s list. You’re a member of 161.”

Frank said, “I don’t pay any dues.”

Norma countered, “You’re paying from your pension.”

Frank Salvatini said, “I’ll vote ‘Yes.’”

Dave reported on FAIR tax phone banking.

Norma reported on the mailing for the FAIR tax.

The FAIR tax was discussed,

Diane asked for a tally of AFSCME Biden-Harris yard signs, and mentioned Council 31 phone banking with the AFL-CIO, and a webinar from local unions on September 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.