

## **AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 October 2020 Members' Meeting**

The October 21 meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. Pat, Ed, Norma, Tony, Ron, Diane, Dave, Jesse, John, Karl, MacArthur and Mary were present. Diane presided over the meeting.

Jesse gave the treasurer's report. He said, "The beginning balance for September 1 was \$33,313.88. One check was paid out, \$585.27 to Forest Printing, and there was a stop payment fee of \$34.00. Subchapter 161 received a rebate of \$679.36 from Council 31. The ending balance was \$33,373.97."

Dave asked, "Are new members of subchapter 161, not Chicago 60, added to the rebate?"

Jesse said, "I haven't noticed, just fluctuations."

Ron said, "Till we get an updated list from Maria, we won't know."

A motion was made to accept the secretary/treasurer's report; the motion was approved.

There was a discussion of plans for the audit.

Tony read the September 2020 minutes. The minutes were accepted.

The response to the campaign on the FAIR tax was discussed.

Norma said, "If you're in a conservative area, they'll vote 'no.'"

Ed said, "They were saying it would hurt small business, and that they'll leave."

Diane said, "I suggest, after the election, we figure out where we're at, we keep this [FAIR tax] committee together and see what the Center for Budget and Tax Accountability is doing."

Karl said, "After the tax cut, my taxes went up by \$8000. Tax cuts are not free."

Pat said, "If the FAIR tax fails, that's the end of it."

Diane said, "We could have a special meeting after the committee is organized."

Diane went on to say, about check signing, "They told Jesse I can sign them." She also asked, "What do we want to do around the holidays, hold a regular meeting or just chat?"

Ron said, "[In November] we may not know who is president. We may not know if the FAIR tax passed."

Mary asked, "Diane, did you get a sense from Maria there's opposition in our ranks to the FAIR tax?"

Diane replied, "In southern Illinois."

Mary said, "I'm a board member of the Jane Addams Senior Caucus. We're trying to raise money. I propose we give them \$500."

Ron said, "I'm not sure; I'd like to wait for in-person fundraisers."

The next meeting will be November 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.