

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 November 2020
Members' Meeting

The November 18 meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Norma, Tony, Ron, Diane, Jesse, John, Ed, Marlene, Dorothy, Patrick, Walter, Dave and Mary were present. Diane presided over the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves, except Marlene, who could not be heard,

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

Jesse gave the secretary/treasurer's report. He said, "The beginning balance for October 1 was \$33,373.97. One check was paid out, \$208.33 to the United States Postal Service. Subchapter 161 received a rebate of \$682.00 from Chapter 31. The current balance is \$33,847.64."

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

Plans for the audit were discussed.

On the audit, Dave said, "John will give us a ZOOM audit page by page on screen."

On the membership list, Norma said, "I have not gotten anything from Maria."

Diane said, "There will now be a political discussion on the election. The FAIR tax lost, Lauren Underwood won over Oberweiss in a close race. Biden got elected. We should have a committee, have Ralph or someone speak. Ken Griffin, millionaires and IPI are now aiming at our pensions. We should have post cards and phone banking on the budget."

Pat said, "The Supreme Court ruled on the pension."

John said, "A new Supreme Court could make a new ruling."

Dave said, "We tried our best on the FAIR tax, but we fell on our noses."

Walter said, "We concentrated on Trump and ignored the constitutional amendment. A relative's auto industry job was saved by Trump."

Dave pointed out that eight people that signed up to do phone banking for the amendment didn't make phone calls.

Marlene said, "On the news, they reported record profits, taxes from marijuana and gambling. Where's that money going?"

Dorothy said, "Lori Lightfoot says the money will go to not laying off workers."

Ed said, "The money from marijuana and gambling is not enough to balance the budget. The people who were against the FAIR tax didn't believe it."

Pat asked, "Could Trump succeed in his lawsuits?"

John replied, "That's very unlikely."

Dave moved we send \$1000 to Warnock and Ossoff; Ed seconded it. Others agreed and disagreed.

Jesse said, "Let's make personal donations."

Diane made a motion to table the discussion, which was seconded. The motion passed.

Ed said, "I'm opposed to tabling the discussion. Could AFSCME on the national level make a contribution?"

Diane said, "Send a proposal to spend money to the executive board. Could we have a committee to study the budget? Mary, Dave and Jesse have volunteered."

Whether we want to do something for the holidays at the December membership meeting was discussed.

Walter said, "My brother had COVID."

Dave sang "Bye, Bye, Donald," a parody of "Bye, Bye, Blackbird."

The next membership meeting will be December 16 at 1:00 p.m.
[changed to 11:30 a.m.]

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.