

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 December 2020  
Members' Meeting

The December 16 meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m. Norma, Tony, Ron, Diane, Jesse, John, Ed, Marlene, Marilyn, Patrick, Walter, Dave, Peter, Wole, MacArthur and Karl were present. Diane presided over the meeting.

Diane said, "John is parliamentarian. All are muted. To be unmuted, go to 'Participate' at the bottom of the screen; if you're on the phone, text John."

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

Jesse gave the secretary/treasurer's report. He said, "The beginning balance for November 1 was \$33,847.64. No money was paid out. Subchapter 161 received a rebate of \$724.24 from Council 31. The ending balance was \$34,571.88." The secretary/treasurer's report was accepted.

Diane said, "The guest speaker is Fran Tobin of the Alliance [for Community Services] to ask us to join the Alliance. There's a campaign on people in nursing homes."

Fran said, "I'm a part-time staff coordinator for the Alliance for Community Services. We unite the community and labor. We're specifically focused in these constituencies. The union is central. There are seven formal organizations: three AFSCME locals, Northside for Justice, Southside, Chicago ADAPT, and Impruve, a disability group.

"Regarding deaths in nursing homes and related institutions, 1% of people live there, but 55% of deaths are there. In a disaster, one of the first steps is to get people out of danger, but the policy is to keep them

there. We're pushing for funding for rescue, to get people to hotels, et cetera."

Diane said, "Membership is open to groups made up of constituents, not just staff. There are no membership fees and two fundraising activities a year."

Walter asked, "Should the profit motive be taken out of healthcare?"

Fran said, "Yes, 85% of funding for Medicare goes in private pockets."

Dave said, "We should join and make a financial contribution."

Ed asked, "Is anything that they do considered political?"

Fran said, "Political with a small 'p', nothing electoral."

A motion was made to join the alliance; the motion carried.

The audit was discussed.

Diane said, "The audit's done."

Diane reported on the meeting of the executive board of subchapters.

The next membership meeting will be on January 20 at 2:00 p.m.  
(rescheduled because of the Inauguration)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. for the Holiday party.