

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 August 2021  
Membership Meeting Minutes

The August 18 meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. Diane, Tony, Dave and Jesse were the officers that were present. Diane presided over the meeting.

The guest speaker, David Lecik, of the Illinois Department of Aging's Senior Health Insurance Program, spoke on Medicare basics for Illinois retirees.

Tony read the July 2021 membership meeting minutes. Ed moved that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

Jesse gave the treasurer's report and said that the 2020 audit was completed. Dave moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Diane gave the president's report. She brought up struggles reopening schools, and the death of Richard Trumka, the head of the AFL-CIO.

Dave gave the vice-president's report and mentioned workers at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union.

Diane said that at the October 13 convention, we are allowed up to eight delegates, the delegates represent the majority interest of members. Delegates would vote for three members of the executive board. There are three positions for four subchapters.

Dave made a motion that Subchapter 161 makes a resolution that those running the convention require that everyone wears a mask, is vaccinated, and practices social distancing.

Diane made an amendment that we ask the council to require a vaccination card or a Covid test.

The motion passed.

John said that any member of the subchapter may nominate him or herself or someone else. Anyone not at the meeting cannot nominate himself, though someone else can nominate him or her. Voting will be by members attending the meeting, by sending an email with the ballot to John by 5:00 p.m. the next day.

The nominees were Dave, Jesse, MacArthur, Diane, Karl, Walter, Norma, Ron, and William Koppe, who was not at the meeting.

Diane said that at the executive bd we discussed naming Charlie Hogan to the Chapter 31 hall of fame. The motion passed.

Recommendations for speakers were made. Speakers from the Green Party, the Illinois Alliance of Retired Americans, the Labor History Museum, and a representative from Council 31 to speak on voter suppression were proposed.

A motion to make next month's September 15 membership meeting at Sweet Basil Restaurant a hybrid meeting passed.

Dave moved we adjourn; the motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.