

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 October 2021  
Membership Meeting Minutes

The October 20 meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. Diane, Tony, Dave and Jesse were the officers that were present. Diane presided over the meeting.

The guest speaker, Louis Goseland, director of the Illinois Alliance of Retired Americans, spoke on political action on issues facing seniors.

Lindsey of the Alliance for Community Services spoke. She said there is a movement to reopen mental health clinics shut under Rahm Emmanuel.

Diane moved that we support the petition. The motion was seconded and passed.

Tony read the September 2021 membership meeting minutes. Dave made a motion that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Diane gave the president's report. She said, "We went to the Illinois Alliance of Retired Americans convention on Zoom and the AFSCME convention last Wednesday. We elected executive board members, Norma and two other people, over the internet. We should have regional meetings."

Dave gave the vice-president's report and said that the retirees' convention is biennial, Larry Brown was elected president, and

that State Representative Doris Turner is sponsoring a bill to make sure Illinois is never a “right to work” state.

Ron said that at the convention, all resolutions passed, and are on the website.

Karl said, quoting Roberta Lynch, “People who are unionized strike; people who are not unionized quit their jobs.”

Diane asked for ideas for the holidays.

John said, “I’m going to distribute cards with a QR code to access the website.”

Ron moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.