

## AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 161 November 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes

The November 17 meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Diane, Tony, Dave and Jesse were the officers that were present. Diane presided over the meeting.

Diane said the guest speaker, David Lecik, of the Illinois Department of Aging/Senior Health Insurance Program will speak on Medicare. He said that you are eligible for Medicare if you are age 65 or older, or have been on disability for 24 months. You can sign up in the month of your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday or in the three months before. It's best to sign up three months before. There is the Income Related Monthly Adjustment (IRMA). If you make more than \$91,000 or \$182,000 if filing jointly, you pay more. Get Part D if you don't have prescription drug coverage elsewhere. When you and all dependents on your plan turn 65, you get Total Retiree Advantage Illinois (TRAIL). You can enroll for TRAIL within 60 days of the 65<sup>th</sup> birthday of the youngest enrollee or during open enrollment from October 15 to November 15. TRAIL is mandatory. If you turn it down, you lose State of Illinois health insurance. If you have TRAIL, don't sign up for Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D. The commercials and mailings don't apply to you. The Illinois Department of Central Management Services is at (800) 442-1300, option 2, benefits. Social Security is at 1-800-772-1213 or [www.ssa.gov/onlineservices](http://www.ssa.gov/onlineservices). Medicare is at 1-800-Medicare (633-4227) or [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov). The Illinois Department of Aging is at (800) 252-8966 or [aging.ship@illinois.gov](mailto:aging.ship@illinois.gov) or <https://www.illinois.gov/aging/ship>. If you're not on TRAIL yet, if you're on Medicare, contact us.

Fran Tobin of the Alliance for Community Services spoke. He said the Alliance is coordinating with national agencies. FEMA will reimburse centers for independent living for relocating clients in

nursing homes. He said, "We're trying to work with state representatives to stop retaliation for residents in nursing homes for speaking out. There is a move to get an elected board of the City Colleges of Chicago.

Tony read the October 2021 membership meeting minutes. John 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.

Walter gave a report on the audit.

Diane gave the president's report.

Dave gave the vice-president's report.

The Communications Committee gave its report.

There was a discussion of proposals for the holiday party and of future social plans.

Diane called for announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.