

**MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL  
CLARE COUNTY CHAPTER – AREA 8 MEETING MINUTES  
ESTHER C ROOM – MID-MICHIGAN COLLEGE  
September 9, 2025**

The fifth meeting of the 2025-2026 Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel Clare County Chapter was held at noon in the Esther C Room at Mid-Michigan College on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

President Terry Petrongelli welcomed new and returning members and guests to the Clare County Chapter's 35<sup>th</sup> year and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

The \$10 lunch was catered and served by Karen Stocking and Chris Haskell from The Jack Pine Restaurant (Harrison).

Our guest speaker for the day was Dennis Guerriero, President of the Clare County Historical Society. He spoke about the Dover School and Museum as well as many highlights of the county's history, the forming of the historical society, and the building of the collections.

President Petrongelli called the business meeting to order at 1:20.

Our Chapter Business meeting began with acceptance of the minutes from the August 12, 2025, meeting as written and distributed.

Treasurer Fred Schuster reviewed the treasurer's report. This was accepted as presented.

**Committee Reports**

Calling – Chair Joan Long thanked everyone for their RSVP's.

Historian – President Petrongelli announced that Jane Muscott has stepped forward at least for a year to maintain the history binder and house the books as well.

Insurance – Chair Kathy Laubon reported that she has confirmed that it is not required to complete the wellness assessment form; it is only for one's own use to share with a physician if desired.

Legislation – Chair Tom House was unable to attend. He did not have anything to report.

Web Page Manager – Sheryl Judd had nothing new to report.

Publicity – Chair Chris Schuster reported that all is well.

Membership – Chair Liz Smith reported on her meetings with local superintendents to educate them on MARSP and Donors Choose. She reviewed the three R's of membership which are Recruit, Retain, Regain. She has also met with several people about being sponsors for the directory. There are currently 157 members; 146 who have renewed both; 4 have renewed only state; 7 still to renew both; 8 lifetime.

### **Unfinished Business:**

A. MARSP-CCC Public School Grant: President Petrongelli emphasized that there is a little over \$1000 in the account and that the only way we are growing this account now is by individual donations collected at our meetings. Kathy Laubon made the motion to give \$500 to Mid Foundation for a Clare County student scholarship and offer a \$500 public school grant through Donors Choose for a total of \$1000; Linda Patterson seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

B. Guest Speaker Ideas for 2026: The executive board is moving right along with possible speakers. Dates are set for 2026. Terry asked everyone to keep giving suggestions for speakers.

### **New Business:**

A. MARSP Clare County Chapter 2026 Officers Election: President Petrongelli said: "Since our bylaws do not require a ballot vote, and there were no other nominations, as president, I declare that the current slate of officers, **President:** Terry Petrongelli; **Vice President:** Robin Randall; **Secretary:** Deb Sherrod; and **Treasurer:** Fred Schuster is elected by unanimous consent."

B. 2025 MARSP Clare County Chapter Audit Report: Terry reported that the audit was done at the August 26 executive board meeting, before the meeting was called to order. The committee was Robin Randall, Fred Schuster, and Terry Petrongelli. They double checked the deposits and bank statements for two months and found that all is good. She then asked for a round of appreciative applause for Fred's diligent work as our treasurer.

**Announcements:** Brenda Rau had petitions to get ranked choice voting on the ballot next year. Carol Santini announced the date for the next Clare Art Sculpture Walk: September 16 at 5:00 in front of the Doherty.

Pension Seminars will be held on September 23 at MMC in the Esther C Conference Room, 5-6:30 pm; and on September 24 at Mid Mount Pleasant in the Community Room 186-187, 5-6:30 pm.

**Personal Touch:** Terry mentioned how Sheryl, Deb, and Liz recruited Sue Guzowski as a member and first time attendee.

### **Door Prizes .**

August Free Lunch Winners were Carol Santini and Ed Kerr.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m. Next meeting will be October 14, 2025.

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Deb Sherrod, Secretary

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