

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

The third 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, July 8, 2025.

President Terry Petrongelli welcomed new and returning members and guests to the Clare County Chapter's 35th 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 Judy Walton, Superintendent of Harrison Community Schools, speaking on "Community Relations."

President Petrongelli called the business meeting to order at 1:09

Our Chapter Business meeting began with the minutes from the May 13, 2025, meeting as written and distributed. Secretary Sherrod noted a misspelling of Mike Eagan's name in the minutes which she corrected on the official copy for the records.

Treasurer Fred Schuster reviewed the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Calling – Chair Joan Long said that she is working on making sure everyone gets notified for each meeting. She appreciates everyone's patience.

Historian – President Petrongelli asked for a volunteer to replace Kathy McAndrew in this position and asked members to bring articles to Robin Randall at the beginning of the meeting. Liz is compiling paperwork each month as well.

Insurance – Chair Kathy Laubon spoke about a new, different insurance survey that is being sent out. She wants everyone to make sure to respond to this as each one is slightly different in their focus and it is important for them to hear from us. There will probably be more of these every year. These can also be found under the membership login on the MARSP website. Liz said that if people didn't get this email, they need to let MARSP know.

Legislation – Chair Tom House reported that the state didn't make their deadline for passing a budget which hugely impacts the schools. He also mentioned that money for afterschool programs has been sequestered in spite of having been passed and approved. He addressed some of the recent federal legislation that will have heavy impact on all of us.

Web Page Manager – Sheryl Judd had nothing to report.

Publicity – Chair Chris Schuster had nothing to report.

Membership – Chair Liz Smith introduced MMC President Tim Hood who dropped in to say hello and listen to our speaker, Judy Walton. She reviewed the 35th Anniversary celebration, thanking Susie Atwood, Mike Georgia, and Terry Petrongelli for stepping up and doing some extra work to make the day a success. Liz reviewed the dues renewal process, letting people know that the way MARSP records renewals sometimes takes extra time. She is able to check on members' status and keeps track regularly. She also mentioned that if you try to renew online, it might be easier to simply make a call. Currently we have 156 members; 133 have renewed both, 17 more need to renew both; 6 have renewed state only; 8 lifetime members.

Unfinished Business: MARSP-CCC Public School Grant (Funding):

President Petrongelli reminded us that we are no longer doing fundraisers so the only way to raise that money is at our collection jar on Fred's table. Cash is good and checks work well too. She reviewed that this money is for both the scholarship to MMC and to the Public School Grant. We can always go back to the hot dog sale if people want to step forward to work those. Generally, those sales would raise about \$500 each for two sessions in June and July. Dan Foltz made the point that there were donations at the hot dog sales from non-MARSP members.

New Business: 2026 MARSP-CCC Directory Update:

Terry talked about how useful a tool the directory is, but how we only have two sponsors left. She asked if anyone has some suggestions for other local businesses that might want to be sponsors. She said to direct those ideas to Liz Smith who will contact the companies and then send their information to Cathedral Directories.

The Personal Touch:

Mike Georgia invited his niece to one of our meetings and she has joined!
Terry told us that she had signed up her sister and now her sister has renewed her own membership!

Announcements: Several announcements were made. Terry found out her first grandchild had just been born during our meeting!!! Congratulations, new grandma!!!

Door Prizes

June Free Lunch Winners were Kris Georgia, Jan Russell, and Mary Jane Ogg.
July Free Lunch Winners were Mike Georgia and Joan Long.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m. Next meeting will be August 12, 2025.

Deb Sherrod, Secretary

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