

**‘ MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
CLARE COUNTY CHAPTER – AREA 8 MEETING MINUTES
ESTHER C ROOM – MID-MICHIGAN COLLEGE
October 14, 2025**

The sixth 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, October 14, 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; Sue Atwood said grace.

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 Chieko Marshall, MyMichigan Health, Midland, Registered Dietician, whose topic was "Tasty and Healthy Nutrition."

President Petrongelli called the business meeting to order at 1:21.

Our Chapter Business meeting began with acceptance of the minutes from the September 9, 2025, meeting as written and distributed.

President Petrongelli reviewed Treasurer Fred Schuster's report. This was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Calling – Chair Joan Long had nothing new to report.

Historian – Jane Muscott reported that she will do her best.

Insurance – Chair Kathy Laubon went over some of the changes in emergency room co-pay. Vaccinations are now available and are covered. New BCBS membership cards are coming in January with new numbers so be aware when going to providers in January. Check with your eye doctor about glasses being covered by Eye Med; many are backing out of this coverage. Discussion followed about both vision and dental.

Legislation – Chair Tom House gave notes to Terry about the budget being passed. Full funding of our retirement fund is still on schedule but we should all keep an eye on this issue.

Web Page Manager – Sheryl Judd reported that everything is fine.

Publicity – Chair Chris Schuster was absent.

Membership – Chair Liz Smith reminded everyone that if their contact information has changed to contact the MARSP office or ask Liz to do so. She will be mailing the new directories at the end of January or early February. Let Liz know if you have a winter address to receive the directory. Total membership is 157; 149 renewed both; 4 state only members; 4 still need to renew; 8 lifetime members.

Area 8 Director Mike Eagan gave a short report on Area 8 happenings. One item in particular is doing more sharing between chapters about how to increase our membership numbers. Liz added that it would be good to have a zoom meeting with all the state chairs. She asked Mike to pass that request on to the state.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. MARSP Clare County Chapter 2026 Officers Installation: President Terry Petrongelli and Secretary Deb Sherrod were officially installed for 2026. Vice President Robin Randall and Treasurer Fred Schuster were absent and will be installed at our executive board meeting on October 21.

B. Appointment of 2026 Committee Chairs: President Petrongelli announced the committee chairs: Calling – Joan Long, Historian – Jane Muscott, Insurance – Kathy Laubon, Legislation – Tom House, Web Page – Sheryl Judd, Publicity – Chris Schuster, and Membership – Liz Smith. She thanked them all for stepping up to fill these important positions.

C. MARSP Pension Seminars Update: Terry and Liz reviewed the resounding success of the seminars with about 40 people in attendance. They had people attending from as far away as Grayling and Alma. They both felt it was very positive.

Announcements: Brenda Rau updated everyone on the Rank MI Vote petition drive.

Prizes Galore!!!

October Free **Lunch Winners** were Lynn Drallette and Jane Muscott

Attendance Gift Certificates

1. Jan Russell
2. Sheryl Judd
3. Ed Kerr
4. Sheryl Judd
5. Sheryl Judd
6. Jane Muscott

FREE One Year MARSP Membership (state & local dues paid) winner was Bruce Hales

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m. Next meeting will be May 12, 2026.

Deb Sherrod, Secretary

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