

**MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL  
CLARE COUNTY CHAPTER – AREA 8 MEETING MINUTES  
ESTHER C ROOM – MID-MICHIGAN COLLEGE  
August 12, 2025**

The fourth 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, August 12, 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 remembrance of Emmett Lippe. Chris Schuster 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 Carol Santini, Clare County Arts Council President. She spoke on "Destination Clare Art Sculpture Walk." Vi Seymour won a coloring book depicting the artwork around Clare. Carol said these are also for sale for \$10 at the council's gift shop which is housed in the Clare Depot.

President Petrongelli called the business meeting to order at 1:08.

Our Chapter Business meeting began with the minutes from the July 8, 2025, meeting as written and distributed.

Treasurer Fred Schuster reviewed the treasurer's report.

**Committee Reports**

Calling – Chair Joan Long encouraged people to still come even if they didn't RSVP, but please try to respond if possible.

Historian – President Petrongelli asked for a volunteer to replace Kathy McAndrew and reminded members to continue to bring items for Liz to compile in the meantime.

Insurance – Chair Kathy Laubon reported about the health assessment that everyone should have already received, as well as calls from Signify Health and their offer of a gift card for either a home visit or a virtual one. Terry read a report from Tom House about Homeward Health insurance reps. They are legitimate but MPSERS does not participate in the over the counter drug debit card program.

Legislation – Chair Tom House was unable to attend.

Web Page Manager – Sheryl Judd had nothing to report.

Publicity – Chair Chris Schuster reported that all is well.

Membership – Chair Liz Smith thanked Chris for the great pictures from the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. She reviewed some of the things that MARSP offers. Currently we have 156 members; 142 have renewed both, 10 more need to renew both; 4 have renewed state only; 8 lifetime members.

**Unfinished Business:**

A. 2026 MARSP-CCC Directory Reminder to keep thinking of possibilities for sponsoring businesses.

B. MARSP-CCC Public School Grant Reminder (Funding): Terry reminded members that the only way we are growing the scholarship funds is with personal donations at our meetings.

**New Business:**

A. MARSP Clare County Chapter 2026 Officer Nominations:

Brenda Rau made the motion to nominate the current slate of officers; Joan Long seconded.

Motion passed to nominate the following slate: **President:** Terry Petrongelli; **Vice President:** Robin Randall; **Secretary:** Deb Sherrod; **Treasurer:** Fred Schuster. With no other nominations being put forward, nominations were then closed. Elections will be at the September meeting.

B. Guest Speaker Ideas for 2026: The executive board will be working on this at their next meeting, but would like suggestions. Terry went over the topics that are highlighted each month.

**Announcements:** Brenda Rau had a petition to get ranked choice voting on the ballot next year. She explained what it is and how to find out more. She will again have the petitions at the next meetings.

**Personal Touch:** Terry highlighted some personal touch moments. A suggestion was made to use Zoom or video for those who cannot attend in person. Also posting the minutes right away on the website would be helpful.

**Door Prizes .**

August Free Lunch Winners were Michelle Thompson and Kay Moser.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. Next meeting will be September 9, 2025.

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Deb Sherrod, Secretary

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