

**MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
CLARE COUNTY CHAPTER – AREA 8 MEETING MINUTES
ESTHER C ROOM – MID-MICHIGAN COLLEGE
MAY 13, 2025**

The first 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, May 13, 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 presentation in memory of Louise Roe. We then had a moment of silence in her honor.

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

Program

The 2025 MARSP Annual Business Meeting video was shown. Terry then introduced our Area 8 Director, Mike Eagan, who shared some area news.

Our Chapter Business meeting began with the minutes from the October 8, 2024, meeting as written and distributed. The minutes were approved by the Executive Board on October 15, 2024. Secretary Deb Sherrod read a thank you card from the family of Louise Roe in answer to our sympathy card.

Treasurer Fred Schuster reviewed the treasurer's report, making one small correction.

Committee Reports

Calling – Chair Joan Long introduced herself and spoke briefly about contacting her with RSVP's and asked for someone to help Joyce Schellhas and Chris Schuster with calling those without email contacts.

Historian – President Petrongelli asked for a volunteer to replace Kathy McAndrew in this position.

Insurance – Chair Kathy Laubon did not have anything new to report, but she did speak about some of the phone calls that members are getting about wellness and other supplemental programs. She will continue to monitor what is legitimate and what is not.

Legislation – Chair Tom House reiterated some of the funding projections presented in the video as well as mentioning some cautions about this issue. He says to remain vigilant about this and the current situation threatening Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security as these can have impact on our pensions. He is also concerned about the contributions coming from school districts going down as programs and personnel are being reduced.

Web Page Manager – Sheryl Judd had nothing to report.

Publicity – Chair Chris Schuster asked the Executive Board members to stay for a picture.

Membership – Chair Liz Smith reported on the plans for our 35th Anniversary celebration on June 10th. She reminded everyone to RSVP to Joan Long for this celebration. She will have new information cards available at the next meeting with updated numbers for many organizations that members may need to contact.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

1. The Personal Touch: Terry asked us to remember how we joined and started attending MARSP. She would like to continue to share those stories as a regular item on our agendas.

2. Chapter Donations from our Scholarship Fund:

a. MMC \$500 Donation Thank You letter was read.

b. MARSP CCC Public School Grant: Recipient Mrs. Jelina Wright, CGRESD Career Tech Center, Grades 9-12. She received \$490.80 for the purpose of STEM hands-on Experience which will reach 20 students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

3. Terry announced that our chapter received our gold star from the state organization.

Announcements: Several announcements were made. New sculptures have arrived in Clare while the past ones are being redistributed around the county.

Door Prizes

Free Lunch Winners were Sheryl Judd and Liz Smith.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. Next meeting will be June 10, 2025.

Deb Sherrod, Secretary
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