

Leadership Meeting Recap,  
January 13, 2017  
UAW Hall  
35603 Plymouth Road  
Livonia, MI  
1:07 PM

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Meeting called to Order by Hugh Macdonald who welcomed all.

Eugene Wright, Why we are here:

To unite all Michigan retirees and future retirees to stop the politicians who have decide that our years of not taking pay raises, nor increasing our wages in lieu of promises of health care in the future was for not. These same politicians want to break us, whether you're a municipal our county worker all of us are going to feel there meat cleavers attack our EARNED health care. If we don't stand up and fight now.

To share ideas and resources.

To find common ground.

Larger group larger voice.

Politian's must consider us (retirees) before they make their decisions that affect us.

To travel as one group.

Develop a strategy to move forward.

Our only obstacle is division, which must not occur.

Introduction of WCRA officers.

Hugh MacDonald:

Introductions of Ron Yee, Jim Sockolosky,

Legislature trying to roll it all back to civil servants, not public workers

Ground rules, for speaking to group

Ask any question, with your name first.

Dale Covert, Allen Park

We have the same adversary, the State of Michigan

The un or underfunding of health are the same politicians that now want us to pay the price for their mistakes

Taxing of pensions

A state mandate to fund, wages and health care for workers

We are not responsible, we did nothing wrong

Hugh MacDonald:

The total legislative body was asked to join us, only John Chirkun appeared

All W C commissioners were invited to join us, only Jewel Ware appeared

Charles Kaminski, Lincoln Park

His background too lengthy to print, very well qualified

He eats and breaths this stuff

His CBA promised health care

An EM took all health care away

We are here to fight this

Michigan Association of Retired Public Employees. Open to any governmental retiree. 2000 members.

Tim Reynolds, City of Wayne

Brief history

New communities, of developing communities should be approached to let them know what will lie ahead of them in the future

Wayne's history

14 mills increase failed

Dire straits

We have to unite all governmental retirees in MI

Voting block

Michael Van Overbeke, MAPERS

Represent 115 public employee retirement systems

Full time lobbyist  
Lame duck attempts  
Represent some 250,000 retirees  
Lansing is coming after retiree health care  
Nick Ciaramitaro, Director of Public Policy for Council 25  
Contact your Legislature personally. Have them know your face

John Chirkun, State Representative  
Background  
Defeat with numbers  
The legislature in place now is more conservative  
Tell your friends and neighbors what is going on with your health care  
Shrink government, by voodoo economics  
Every single Democratic Legislature is behind us  
Us the media  
Go on the offensive  
Fight not over they are coming for us

Jewel Ware  
She will help when needed  
WCRA has a good plan

Bob Stevenson, MI Association of Chiefs of Police  
If these cuts go through who will take a job as police officer, this now becomes a matter of public safety  
Get to know your legislature

Mark Porter,  
He represents 4 different retiree groups  
Our problem is not Washington D.C. but Lansing MI  
Go to MI Treasures web site, audit or annual report, UAAL, funded pension, fiduciary report

Q and A  
Q. Frank Green, How to get members to help?  
A. Nick Ciaramitaro, Keep them informed

A. Tim Reynolds, when meeting candidates ask very specific questions on exactly the stand on an issue.

A. Kathy Kanable, use our web site for information

Shirley Lightskey, Detroit Retired City Employees Association

Develop clout

Be vigilant

Inform the members

Do whatever it takes

Robert Webb,

Outreach

They are coming at all of us with a cleaver, not a scalpel

We must stop them politically

Phone Calls

Threaten that you will never vote their political party ever again

Caroline Ross, State chair Local 6000

Has 1200 retirees will help

Phone/contact your legislature

Develop a strategy

Mark Porter,

A small group, a hub

Info in-info out

Bob Sisler UAW Region 1E and Local 6000

Town hall meetings

Organize

Follow the \$\$\$, i.e.; BCBS

Roger Webb,

Email to all members w/ all info

Mobilize the public

Hugh MacDonald,

One message from all retiree groups, all unions

Eugene Wright,  
Forward mobility  
Communication to all  
How to handle elected officials  
This involves all public retirees and workers

Frank Green, Washtenaw County association Retired School Personnel,  
March on the capita  
Try and get 150.000 retirees to show our strength

Michael Van Overbeke,  
Sub committee  
Founding principals  
5 basic principals  
One voice, one message

Tim Reynolds,  
Do not forget retirees and active employees are all one  
Contact your legislature, in person. Name with a face.

David Harvey, Garden City,  
Will volunteer for anything to help out

George Brumbaugh, Macomb County Retirees Association,  
Have 2,600 (?) retirees to help in anyway

Recommended first steps:

**\* DEVELOP UNIFIED STATEMENT FOR THE LEADERSHIP GROUP AND 5 POINT STRATEGY FOR ACCOMPLISHING OUR GOALS.**

**\*DRAFT A CONCISE LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVES STATING OUR OBJECTION TO ANY CUTS IN RETIREE HEALTH AND PENSION BENEFITS AND REQUESTING THAT MUNICIPAL RETIREE AND EMPLOYEE GROUPS BE REPRESENTED IN ANY DISCUSSIONS OR LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED**

\* DIVIDE ALL OUR GROUPS BY DISTRICTS - PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP OF EACH ORGANIZATION WITH THE LETTER AND THE INFORMATION OF WHERE TO MAIL, EMAIL OR CALL LETTER (LOCAL COUNTY AND STATE REPS) AND HAVE LEADERSHIP DISTRIBUTE LETTER AND INFO TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP WITH REQUEST TO ACT IMMEDIATELY

\* COMMUNICATE TO MEMBERS HOW TO VOTE - BASED ON HOW THEIR LOCAL COUNTY AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES VOTE. NO MORE TICKET/PARTY VOTING. IF REPS IGNORE MUNICIPAL RETIREE/EMPLOYEE GROUPS - MAKE IT PUBLIC AND OUT THEY GO.

### **Committee Volunteers**

Dave Harvey - Garden City

Randi Lorenzeiti Garden City

Chris Johnson - City of Wayne

Frank Green - MARSP

George Braumbaugh - Macomb County

Bob Sisler, Local 6000

Rodger Webb Saginaw

Lorenzo Blount Government Administrative Association

Betty Misuraca WC Retirement Commissioner

Caroline Ross State Chair for local 6000

Adjourned 3:32 PM

Doug Wadlin

Vice President

WCRA

(Acting Secretary)