PEF Chapter 3 Retirees Meeting, August 18, 2021

Topic: Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence for those members who are no longer with us.

Topic: Meeting Minutes from February 19

The minutes from the last meeting could not be located.

Topic: Financial Report

As of 7/30/2021 the chapter has \$ 7512.95 in the checking account. All debts are paid to date and no outstanding debts owed. The checkbook balance exceeds the limits imposed by PEF Guidelines. First and second quarter 2020 dues are held pending for this chapter until available funds are below the maximum allowed per the guidelines. The 2020 Financial Audit was completed and everything is in order and no problems noted.

Topic: Nominations for Vacant Positions

Jo Zimmerman asked for anyone interested in running for Secretary for the chapter. Louise King expressed interest and was voted in by the members present at the meeting. Walt Chaffee and Angel Cook were re-elected for another term.

Topic: Upcoming Events

PEF will not be participating in the NYS State Fair this year

Union Night at the Red Wings Game is August 20th. Tickets are purchased online at the Red Wings website. Enter the code **Union2021** during the purchase process. Thank you to CSEA for this opportunity.

Labor Council Labor Day Celebration is September 3rd at 5:00 pm at the Beachfront Shelter at Charlotte. Register by 8/29 online.

Topic: Political Action

The main challenges facing retirees are inflation and health insurance costs. Retirees are asked to support bill **A 3357** which keeps retirees' health insurance costs at the same rate retirees were paying at retirement.

Topic: COPE

Spokesperson discussed the Committee on Political Education which allows PEF to lobby on Federal issues and other issues that are of concern to PEF members.

Topic: Membership Benefits

A spokesperson from the Membership Benefits Program gave a presentation on the many benefits that are available to retirees.

Submitted by: Louise King, Secretary, PEF Region 3 Retirees