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**PEF REGION 8 RETIREES MEETING 02/07/2022**

**Presidents opening and welcome remarks-** Karen welcomed everyone back after a 24-month hiatus due to COVID restrictions. The chapter has been doing zoom virtual meetings, but it was good to meet in person again.

She went over the meetings schedule for 2022 with emphasis on RSVP's and a need to strictly adhere to it. There will be one meal choice and once you have made a reservation if you cannot keep it, please contact [pveteramo@pef.org](mailto:pveteramo@pef.org) or call Paula at 518-785-1900 ext. 288 to leave a message if you cannot attend. We will try to cancel the meal reservation if possible. We will allow guests to attend for a \$10 fee paid at the door on the day of the meeting but only if we are under our room availability so as not to decline a member. Reservations for the following months meeting start the Tuesday after the previous month's meeting. **Sign in SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE for RSVP for the next month's meeting for your convenience in signing up.**

**The Colonie Elks** was sold. We talked to the Watervliet Elks, and they are smaller, with no parking. We also called the **Zaloga Post-**, but their caterer was out on compensation until after the 2022 year start and they were not forthcoming in calling us to discuss it. We got many unanswered phone messages. The **Ukrainian Club-** in Cohoes again was smaller and had parking considerations. The **Polish American Club-** was again not very responsive., Several calls left us with questions but no answers. The **Italian Community Center-** was very receptive and ready to work with so we are continuing to work with them for our meetings.

**ELECTIONS-** A. Schrom agreed to chair the committee. There was a challenge for president between K. Danish and M. Chiarello who were nominated. Karen won. A challenge for vice president between B. Harms, A. Yasus, and J. Israel who were nominated- B. Harms won. Treasurer A. Wiley was unopposed and Secretary J. Messina unopposed who also took office.

**TREASURERS REPORT-** Alice is in the hospital but sent a report-- Current balance is \$30,955.91 before the cost of the meeting. We also put a deposit of \$300 on the picnic June 14, 2022, at Lanthier's Grove.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT-** Jan was ill- 135 RSVP'D to attend this meeting. **DATES OF SOCIAL EVENTS:**  
**\*TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022, PICNIC LANTHIERS GROVE \*WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022,**  
**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

**PAC-** P. Lyons- PEF Legislative Director- Pat discussed the health diminishment bill and the new COLA legislation that PEF is sponsoring and supporting. He also discussed Single payer legislation that is being watched and let us know the unions are not supportive of this without major concessions or a carve out for state employees to protect our benefits. We will be watching this closely

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00pm was made by M. Blue, seconded by B. Harms and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Messina, Secretary