

PEF Retirees Chapter 2 Meeting
July 27th, 2022 – 11:30 am to 1:30pm at the Ginny Lee Café
Minutes

Attendees: Jim Carr, Scott Wood, Ellen Wood, Jim Kirk, Danny Knapp, Sherry Main, Wayne Kiefer, Al Ash, Debbie Nash, F.Diane Bower, Sharon Seeley, Pearl Jordan, Randi DiAntonio, Shelby Wisner, Jackie Eakin, Ron Eakin, Louie Adessa, Rita Durante, Gilda Murdich, Mary Anderson, Fran Cerio, Terry Lewis, Deborah Stinson, Wendy Proctor, Carol Clendenin, Mary Batrone, Mary Carr, Joyce Carson, Susan Kelly, Mark Norfolk, Alvin Deming, Leona Deming, Mary Evans, Katy Baltzell, Deatrice Wynn, V. Sue Marosek, Ellen Benedict, Pam Fraboni, Diane Marshall, Pepi Leids, Kathleen Wright, Paul Titus, Scott Breese, Dale Smith, Gary Rice, Margaret Butkerei, plus several guests

Welcome:

Jim Carr, chapter president welcomed the members and asked for a moment of silence for all of those who are no longer with us, especially our good friend and member Bill Krolak.

Guest Speakers:

He then introduced our guest speakers including Shelby Wisneski, PEF Regional Coordinator, Randi DiAntonio, PEF VP & SWPAC Chair. Our guest speakers spoke to the group about the underfunding that has occurred in the state budget for the past 15 years. This year's budget has across the board increases of 6%. Under Governor Hochul for the 2022 budget year. They also encouraged members to support political action both personally and by funding the political action arm of PEF, COPE which is used for political education and support for federal candidates. They entertained questions.

President's Report:

Jim reported on:

His involvement with and progress in the AFT Public Policy Committee a Racial and Social Justice Sub Committee in AFT.

Progress with vesting requirements for tier 6 PEF members, from 10 years down to 5 years.

Slow progress with the NYSHIP Fix Bill did not pass at this time.

Bills that are still pending that would benefit PEF retirees including one ensuring that public retirees retain the same level of nursing care after they go on Medicare, and a death benefit fix.

Jim spoke about people seeking office who are currently endorsed by PEF including Max Della Pia who is running for congress in NY 23rd district.

Treasurer's Report:

Pam Fraboni gave the members a report on the current use and state of the PEF Retirees Chapter 2 finances.

Member Issues:

Members decided to have a Holiday Party/meeting and a few members will work together to plan the event.

Members broke for a delightful lunch and social time at the Ginny Lee Café.