

## PEF Chapter 3 Retirees Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2022

### **Topic:** Welcome

Retirees and Guests were welcomed to the picnic.

### **Topic:** Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those members no longer with us.

### **Topic:** Fair Volunteers

There was a reminder that an email was sent to members regarding opportunities to staff the PEF booth at the state fair. Members were reminded to keep PEF informed of any changes with their email address to keep receiving notifications of upcoming events and items of importance..

### **Topic:** Financial Report

There is currently \$ 7676.78 in the checking account. All bills are paid and there are no outstanding debts. The 2022 monies are being withheld due to the 2020-2021 funds not being spent. There is a cap on the amount of funds chapters are allowed to have in the bank.

### **Topic:** May Retiree Membership Benefits Presentation

There was a presentation at the last meeting by a staff from the Membership Benefits Program.. There were mixed responses to the presentation.

### **Topic:** Election of Officers

In February there will be an election for officers. Anyone interested in running for a position please contact the chapter president.

### **Topic:** Access to Meeting Minutes

All meeting minutes are posted on the PEF website. It was suggested that paper copies be available at scheduled meetings for those who do not have computer access.

### **Topic:** COLA Bill

The bill died in the Senate. The bill addressed raising the amount the cost of living adjustment is based on. Members were encouraged to write to their legislators regarding passing this bill. Letters are available on the PEF website in the PEF Action Center.

### **Topic:** PEF Dues and Membership

The methods of paying PEF dues were reviewed. When an employee retires, the first year is free. Dues are required to be paid from the second year on. The dues can be deducted from the employees pension check each month or can be paid annually by check. A retiree can join by registering online. Chapter 3 Retirees have 862 dues paying members.

**Topic:** PEF Region 3 Updates

Lisa Abraham, the Region 3 Coordinator, spoke to retirees about COPE and asked that retirees support this initiative. She also encouraged retirees to participate in the upcoming Labor Day Parade. There were handouts available for retirees on the two topics.

**Topic:** Long Acre Fall Event

Information will be forthcoming on this event once it is available.

**Next Meeting:** November 16, 2022 Location to be determined.

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