

## PEF Chapter 3 Retirees Meeting Minutes , November 16, 2022

### **Topic:** Welcome

Retirees and guests were welcomed to the luncheon by the chapter president. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for those members no longer with us,

### **Topic:** Political Action

Members are encouraged to stay engaged in the political process even though the elections are over. COPE allows the union to advocate on our behalf with the federal government for issues that affect retirees. See the Political Action Link on the PEF website for information of importance to retirees.

### **Topic:** Financial Report

As of 10/31/2022 the balance of the checking account is \$ 6581.18. All bills are paid to date.

### **Topic:** NYSHIP and Medicare

This is the time of year for signing up for or changing Medicare Advantage plans. Members were reminded that if you give up your plan with the NYSHIP, you will not be able to return to the plan at a later time and will lose your Medicare Premium reimbursement. Also, the Empire Plan wants to develop a plan for retirees. The chapter president asked that she be contacted should any members be contacted regarding the proposed plan.

### **Topic:** RPEA Update

An advocate from RPEA talked about their COLA bill that will be reintroduced in the new legislative session. The bill raises the base salary the COLA is calculated on. PEF is working on a similar bill.

### **Topic:** Guest Speaker on Veterans Benefits

The speaker scheduled to present on veterans benefits was not able to come. The presentation has been scheduled for the next meeting.

### **Topic:** Membership Benefits

A representative from Membership Benefits attended the meeting and was available to answer any questions about retiree benefits. .

### **Topic:** Nominations for Chapter Officers

The current officers were nominated for another term. Election to be held at the February meeting.

**Next Meeting:** February 15, 2023 location to be determined.

**Submitted by:** Louise King, Secretary, Chapter 3 Retirees

