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**PEF REGION 8 RETIREES
MEETING 4/4/2022**

President's Remarks- Karen again placed 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 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 are no longer offering a zoom option for the in-person meetings. There were too many technical obstacles.

Karen discussed retiree members attending other organizations meetings and speaking out as a PEF Retiree or PEF member at these functions. I know many of you attend other organizations meetings and that is great. Everyone has a right to go to those meetings and can speak, but you cannot represent yourself as a spokesperson for PEF Retirees, PEF Region 8, or for Big PEF unless you have been authorized to do so and have the script and talking points for that issue. I expressed a need for you to identify yourself as an individual not an official PEF spokesperson.

As Chapter 8 Retiree President, Karen is the official spokesperson for our Chapter 8 Retirees, Danielle Bridger is the Region 8 Coordinator and the official spokesperson for Region 8, and Wayne Spence is the official spokesperson for PEF. It is possible at some meetings for an alternate to those listed above to act as their spokesperson, but only with the permission of that spokesperson and again with the script and talking points. Please make sure to adhere to these guidelines at future meetings. Also, when attending these other meetings, you should not be submitting for reimbursement for any meals/fees unless it is agreed on with the appropriate person before the event. You are attending as individuals and should be doing so at your own expense.

TREASURERS REPORT- Current balance is \$20,027.15 before the cost of this meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- 170 RSVP'D to attend this meeting. Picnic tickets for the TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022, PICNIC at LANTHIERS GROVE were sold and will be available at the May meeting and by mail. JUNE 3, 2022 is the cutoff for check in hand and NO tickets will be sold at the door. **CHANGE IN MENU FOR MAY-** the entrée will be a no- meat cheese lasagna.

PAC- We discussed the health diminishment bill and the new COLA legislation that PEF is sponsoring and supporting letters were handed out for members to sign for legislators.

GUEST SEAKER- D. Carpenter- **Fund our Future Campaign-** New York State Fund Our Future is a coalition of union and community leaders committed to making the case for reshaping government in our public interest. Instead of building a government in the interest of We the People, powerful private interests lobbied to receive more and pay less than their fair share. Fund Our Future is fed up and ready to fight back for the future all New Yorkers deserve. We are fighting for our freedom to thrive. Da asked for retiree member involvement and handed out petitions to members for signature.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00pm was made by S. Jeffords, seconded by A. Yasus and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Messina, Secretary