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**PEF CHAPTER 8 RETIREES**  
**Meeting 04/03/2023**

**President's Remarks-** Karen opened with a Pledge to the Flag and moment of silence.

**June Picnic-** Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Last year Lanthier's Grove, we can do it here at IACC in their pavilion. \$15 for members \$25 for guests. Same foods and we will have the same menu. Members voted to hold the picnic this year at IACC.

**Wellness Fair-** this year PEF is holding a Wellness Fair on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at the Washington Avenue Armory. Active, Retiree Members, families, and community are all invite to attend. There will be a book giveaway with books donated by AFT. Several vendors will also be present. Please volunteer some time to help if you can.

**Retirees returning to work-** Discussion was held on retirees who are now returning to work and the status of their membership, dues, involvement, and benefits. The SW PEF Retiree Executive Board is meeting to discuss this and find a solution to resolve this and not diminish retiree benefits. Member stated they felt a retiree makes a choice to go back to work and must choose between active and retiree participation, but it was not right to be able to do both. A motion was made and seconded that Karen Danish go to the retiree meeting and give details of the discussion that the Chapter 8 members wanted this investigated and resolution on handling this situation. This was carried.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES –**

**COLA BILL** - Sen Jackson sponsored it and is waiting for fiscal impact statement and then a bill number will be assigned. **Health Care Diminishment Bill**- awaiting a new bill number. P. Lyons is meeting with AFLCIO who has the umbrellas of unions and is trying to craft a bill we can build coalition on with all union member that are affected. **Strength in Unity.** **Skilled Nursing bill**- the governor vetoed it. Senator Breslin and Assemblyman McDonald are going to try to but it into the budget bills.

**Guest Speaker**- P. Bowden- as usual Peter gave a talk on many issues regarding startup and products to use on our lawns and fertilization issues. He also came with several give away for our members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**- A. Wiley- report. **BALANCE** as of 4/30/23 is \$15,023.91 before this meetings expense.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**- J. Messina- 140 RSVP'D to attend this meeting. Reminder the May meeting is a lunch meeting starting at 11:30AM check in. No Meat Lasagna and salad. Our guest speaker will be Steve Kramer from the law firm Feldman, Kramer, and Monaco.

**Questions and issues from members**- None

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm was made by B. Harms, seconded by A. Yasus, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan

Janet Messina

Secretary