

PEF Chapter 3 Retirees Meeting Minutes May 17, 2023

Topic: Welcome

Guests and Retirees were welcomed to the meeting.

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: Review of February Meeting Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Topic: Financial Report

There is \$ 8546.05 in the bank account. The balance will go down after today's luncheon is paid for. We are still using money from before the COVID pandemic. The 2022 monies are being held back as to not violate banking rules.

Topic: Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Proposal

PEF is urging members to write letters to the legislature to increase the COLA base to \$ 21,000.00. Letters were provided to attendees and can also be found on the PEF website. .

Topic: Guest Speaker- PEF Region 1 President- Dave Krobe

Dave Krobe spoke about the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase request. Other bills are being introduced that cause the PEF bill to be delayed. PEF is working to have one bill statewide which will be stronger in advocating for retirees. PEF is fighting to have this brought before the state legislature before the legislative session ends.

Topic: Veterans Concerns- Dave Krobe

Region 1 has a PEF Veteran Committee. The importance of supporting our veterans was discussed. It was suggested that with Memorial Day and Flag Day approaching that we buy and fly American flags in support of our troops and veterans.

Topic: Memberships Benefits Program Table

A representative from the Membership Benefits Program was available to answer any questions about the programs available to retirees.

Topic: Recent PEF Mailing Insert

The recent PEF mailing included a brochure on " What To Do When a Loved One Dies". Copies were available for attendees. This should be attached to one's will or living will so the family and executor will know what to do.

Topic: .PEF Dues

The payment of dues were reviewed. The first year is free and then retirees need to join after that. Yearly dues can be payroll deducted from your retirement check monthly.

Topic: PEF Retirees Constitution

This document was revised. Should a retiree return to state employment the retiree dues are suspended.

Topic: ALF meeting

Our chapter was represented. This is an environmental group. It is being asked that members do not support the Bank of America due to the stand the company takes on environmental issues..

Topic: Empire Plan Changes

Changes are taking effect July 1, 2023. Members enrolled in the plan were encouraged to review the program changes. The information is also available online.

Next Meeting: August 16, 2023 at Roberts Cabin, Henrietta Town Park

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