

PEF Retirees Chapter 2 Meeting Minutes
6/8/23 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Ginny Lee Café Lodi, NY

Members Involved: Mary Carr, Scott Wood, Ellie Wood, Pam Fraboni, Ellen Benedict, Susan Kelly, Jane Kissell, Joyce Carson, Dale Smith, Paul Titus, Jackie Eakin, Ronald Eakin, Wyant Keefer, Deborah Stinson, Jim Carr, Gary Rice, Louis Adessa, Susan Hoskins, Gilda Murdock, Sharon Seeley, Wendy Proctor, Sherry Main, Ronald Tunison

Moment of Silence and Welcoming Remarks:

Jim Carr led members in a moment of silence remembering those members and loved ones no longer with us, as well as fallen first responders.

Members were welcomed to our second meeting of the year. Jim introduced Lyndon Jones who is the PEF Retirees representative to the Alliance of Retired Public Employees organizations.

Due to smoke from the Canadian wildfires several members were unable to attend.

President's Report:

Jim reported his recent attendance at the NYSARA or New York State Alliance for Retired Americans convention and explained that NYSARA represents seniors in important issues seeking health, legal and financial security. All PEF retirees are also represented by NYSARA.

Jim spoke about legislative priorities and encouraged members to contact their representatives to ensure that our needs and rights are maintained and developed. Some of these include COLA and healthcare issues.

Jim also talked about the new insurance cards that have recently been mailed out to members and encouraged members to check the information on their new cards.

Treasurer's Report

Pam Fraboni gave a rundown of current finances and reported having made a donation to the SPCA in memory of Paul Titus' wife, Jeanette. An Audit Committee meeting was held since the last member's meeting and chapter's finances are in good standing.

Election of Chapter Officers

An election was held and most officers remained the same. Sher Main was recognized as serving as Secretary for several years and is stepping down. Officer's elected today include: Jim Carr, President; Paul Titus, Vice President; Gilda Murdock, Secretary; Pam Fraboni, Treasurer.

Member's Issues

Member's discussed encouraging new members to join as they retire from active employment. Jim reports that there is a problem accessing new retirees contact information due to privacy concerns.

Retirees Legislative Priorities

Member's reviewed, wrote and signed letters on COLA & Health Care protection to state legislators. Post cards were signed for Congress addressing several protections for important senior issues.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Member's meeting adjourned and a delightful luncheon and social hour began.