

**NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
FLOWERTOWN CHAPTER 1082  
SUMMERVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Minutes from meeting of May 15, 2017**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by President Pat Whitely. Chaplain, Kim Turok, was absent; Mrs. Greenlaugh led us in prayer before our luncheon. Pat Whitely led us in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. 22 members and guests were present at the meeting.

Pat introduced our guest speaker – Judge Mary Blunt, Dorchester County Probate Judge discussed a variety of topics relating to probate avoidance, wills and powers of attorney. She answered questions from members and provided handouts with websites with additional information. Judge Blunt's email address is [mblunt@dorchestercounty.net](mailto:mblunt@dorchestercounty.net). She indicated that members may feel free to email questions to her.

**Secretary Report** – Position vacant – Pat Whitely provided minutes of April 2017 meeting. Howard Graham made motion to accept April meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Marian Henry. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

**President Report – Pat Whitely** – Pat stated that the identity theft protection provided by OPM has been extended to a total of 10 years. Pat also stated that next April 2018, our chapter will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as being chartered a NARFE chapter. She asked for suggestions on how to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Vice President for Membership:** VP Joe Kohut was absent but provided the membership report as of May 15, 2017. Current chapter membership is now 196. We had 5 gains, 1 reinstatement and 4 transfers in. There were 4 losses due to transfers out to National and 1 due to non-renewal. There are 5 prospective members. The member name (018-Thomas Clemons) was not present. The attendance incentive money for the September meeting will be \$65.00. Joe provided a poster to each member to display at their locations that will allow posting during the summer for our September meeting.

**Second Vice President:** Position vacant – no report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gail Peapples provided the Treasurer's report for the month of April 2017. Balance forwarded from March 2017 was \$3,432.64. Expenses paid out in April 2017 totaled \$589.95. Income received during April 2017 totaled \$616.02. There is \$5.00 in share savings account. Total balance on hand in the chapter checking account as of April 30, 2017 to be forwarded to May 2017 is \$3,003.71. Treasurer's report approved for audit. Gail stated that Charlie Giavelli wished to donate \$75 registration fee to Alzheimer's rather than receive reimbursement. Gail indicated that the membership must vote to spend chapter money to Alzheimer's. The chapter had previously voted in favor of paying Charles Giavelli's registration fee, but a vote is required to use that money to donate to Alzheimer's. Bernard Lastinger made motion, motion seconded by Shirley Graham, motion approved by majority vote of members present.

**Federation President Remarks:** Gail Peapples stated that now that the Federation Convention has been held no longer holds any voted Federation position. Gail stated that he is not the Immediate Past President of the Federation. He is a Federation Past President which is a non-voting position and he does not have to attend any meetings unless he chooses to and invitations are optional.

**DFO1 Remarks:** Frank Painter – Frank thanked the chapter for the meal and commended us on our well run chapter especially our membership chairperson, Joe Kohut. He provided some recent National membership

statistics: As of March, there were 6,860 member gains, 8900 losses of which 2000 was due to member deaths and 6800 losses due to non-renewals. Total NARFE membership as of March 2017 is 214,049. Within Region III, there were 135 losses and 3 losses in South Carolina.

Frank stated that at the end of April the COLA is 1.44% going into 2018.  
He stated that the SC Federation convention will be held in Myrtle Beach again in 2018.  
He stated that all chapters need to change their by-laws by the end of the 2017.

**Alzheimer's' Chairperson Report:** Shirley Graham - no report.

**Legislative Report/FEEA Raffle:** Marian Henry provided the Legislative and FEEA reports and conducted the FEEA raffle. Topics discussed are listed below:

- NARFE President regarding Federal hiring freeze
- Omnibus spending bill passed for the remainder of the FY.
- USPS-National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Drive held May 13
- Legislative Webinar – Spring into Action – Engaging Congress upcoming
- Make your voice heard in Congress – new easy to use NARFE Legislative Action Center

**Correspondence.** NONE

**Old Business.** NONE

**New Business.** Sue Kohut offered a suggestion regarding how to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> chapter anniversary. She suggested that each chapter member write a short paragraph describing how they affected peoples' lives and/or what they did in their Federal career to assist other Federal employees. Anyone wishing to do this would provide input to Sue who would then compile into a booklet or binder to record and retain.

**Unfinished Business.** NONE

**Sunshine Report.** Bonnie Lynge – absent – Sent card to Julia Coates recovering from surgery.

**Good of the Chapter and Announcements.** Next chapter meeting will be Monday, September 18, 2017 at 1:30.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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Patricia Whitely  
(Acting Secretary)

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