

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

**Minutes from meeting of September 18, 2017**

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by President Pat Whitely. We observed a moment of silence. Pat Whitely led us in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. 23 members and guests were present at the meeting.

Pat introduced our guest speaker – LTC (Ret) Larry Dandridge who spoke to us about his experiences as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War, about the Fisher House at the VA Hospital and a brief explanation of how to obtain veterans' benefits. In addition, Mrs. Dana Holtvoight, VA volunteer assisted with questions concerning VA entitlements and end-of-life planning. Both speakers answered questions from members.

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

**President Report – Pat Whitely** – Pat discussed the following items:

- Upcoming plans for Chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April 2018 – asked chapter members for any ideas on how to celebrate.
- Volunteers to assist with our table at Senior day at the Coastal Carolina Fair
- Equifax Data Breach – urged members to take advantage of any free credit monitoring
- Urged members to watch for any charity scams related to charitable giving related to hurricanes – make sure the organization you donate funds to is reputable – know where your money is going.
- 2018 SC Federation Conference to be held in Myrtle Beach on March 26-28, 2018, urged members to attend.

**Vice President for Membership:** VP Joe Kohut discussed our membership changes that occurred over the summer months. Current chapter membership is now 180. We had 1 reinstatement and 6 losses due to non-renewal. There were 8 losses due to transfers out to National and 2 losses due to member deaths. Joe urged members to participate in dues withholding as the easiest way to pay national and chapter dues rather than paying on an annual basis. The member name drawn for the attendance incentive (111-Pete Link) was not present. The attendance incentive money for the October meeting will be \$70.00. Joe provided a poster to each member to display at their locations that will allow posting for our October meeting.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Gail Peapples provided the Treasurer's report for the months of June, July and August 2017. Balance forwarded from May 2017 was \$2915.40. Expenses paid out during the months of June, July and August 2017 totaled \$234.16. Income received during the months of June, July and August 2017 totaled \$23.00. Total on hand in the chapter checking account as of August 31, 2017 is \$3126.53. There is \$5.00 in share savings account. Treasurer's report approved for audit

Gail discussed how in the future chapter money collections will be handled. He will create a form to document funds received and turned in to him to avoid confusion and overages or shortages of funds.

**DFO1 Remarks:** Frank Painter – Frank provided some national membership numbers as of August 2017: 8244 new members, 4600 deceased members and total NARFE members nationwide is 209,742 down from 215,760 at the beginning of 2017.

He stated that all chapters need to change their by-laws by the end of the 2017.

**Alzheimer's' Chairperson Report:** Shirley Graham has resigned her position as Alzheimer's' Chairperson - no report. Pat stated that the Charleston Walk to End Alzheimer's' will take place on Saturday, September 23 for anyone interested in participating.

**Legislative Report/FEEA Raffle:** Marian Henry has resigned her position as Legislative chairperson as she has accepted a part time job. Pat read the Legislative Report that Marian provided. Topics discussed are listed below:

- Message from NARFE President Thissen regarding Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and the need for FEEA donations.
- Senate passes package to fund government until December 8 – leaders agreed to short term measure to fund government and extends the debt ceiling deadline until December 8.
- President sets the 2018 Federal employee pay raise at 1.4% across the board increase
- New OPM Director announced – President trump announced that Jeff Tien Han Pon is the new OPM Director.
- TSP eases financial hardship withdrawal for Hurricane Harvey victims – this is a temporary change in TSP rules regarding financial hardship withdrawals.
- Make your voice heard in Congress – new easy to use NARFE Legislative Action Center

**Correspondence.** NONE

**Old Business.** NONE

**New Business.** NONE

**Unfinished Business.** NONE

**Sunshine Report.-** Bonnie Lynge – no cards sent.

**Good of the Chapter and Announcements.** Next chapter meeting will be Monday, October 16, 2017 at 1:30. Our guest speaker will be Ann Marie Usher from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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Patricia Whitely  
(Acting Secretary)

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