

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

Minutes from meeting of February 26, 2018

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by President Pat Whitely. We observed a moment of silence. Charlie Giavelli led us in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. 32 members and guests were present at the meeting.

Pat introduced our guest speakers, Frank Grubb, AARP Tax preparer. Mr. Grubb provided an overview relating to the current tax laws and how seniors are impacted and also provided a preview of next year's tax laws which have not been finalized. He answered questions from members. In addition, Ann Marie Usher gave a short presentation regarding new information about BC/BS members who have both Medicare and BC/BS standard option, she clarified information she provided during our October 2017 meeting.

Secretary Report – Position vacant – Pat Whitely provided minutes of January 2018 meeting. Joe Kohut made motion to accept January meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Charlie Giavelli. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

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

National and SC Federation upcoming conferences. She urged members to attend if possible. We have 8 members attending the SC Federation Conference. She announced that SC Federation has grant money available to assist qualifying members defray costs of attending the SC Federation Conference. If anyone wishes to take advantage of the grant money, please contact Pat.

Pat briefly discussed our upcoming 50th anniversary celebration. After brief discussion, the chapter decided to hold the celebration in May in conjunction with our indoor picnic luncheon. See Pat or Sue Kohut if you have any ideas on how to celebrate our anniversary. We will not have a guest speaker in May, just celebration of our anniversary and lunch.

Pat presented Chapter life-member cards to Charlie Giavelli and Betty Unwin.

NARFE-PAC – No report.

Vice President for Membership: VP Joe Kohut provided the following membership report. Current chapter membership is now 159 as of February 26, 2018. We had no gains and no losses this month. Joe stated our dilemma continues! Joe continues to urge 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/number drawn for the attendance incentive was (147-Shirley Thomas) who was not present. The attendance incentive money for the March meeting will be \$30.00. Joe provided a poster to each member to display at their locations that will allow posting for our March meeting and urged members to bring a guest.

Second Vice President: Position vacant – no report.

Treasurer's Report: Gail Peapples provided the Treasurer's report for the month of January 2018 Balance forwarded from December 2017 was \$3,136.92. Expenses paid out during the month of January 2018 totaled

257.10. Income received during the month of January 2018 totaled \$174.77. Total on hand in the chapter checking account as of January 31, 2018 is \$3,054.59. There is \$5.00 in share savings account. Treasurer's report approved for audit. Gail indicated that audit of chapter financial records will be conducted later this month by Joe Lynge.

Alzheimer's' Chairperson Report: Julia Coates announced that she is selling 50/50 tickets for the raffle to be held at the SC Federation Conference. She will be selling tickets through the March meeting. In addition, Julia held a separate raffle for a serving platter with proceeds going to our Alzheimer's fund.

Legislative Report: Ken Coates provided the Legislative Report. Ken provided information on the following topics: Federal Budget and a variety of other miscellaneous current legislative topics

Area Vice President #1 - Frank Painter – Frank shared information about the following:
Summarized the NARFE organization indicating there are 10 regions in NARFE, we are part of Region 3. Within our Federation there are 7 Area Vice Presidents and 16 chapters.

Frank provided membership statistics as of January 2018. There are 208,934 members, 1,062 chapters nationwide. In SC, there are 2,644 members of which 1580 are chapter members and 1064 are National members. Frank discussed that Trey Gowdy will be stepping down as Chairman of the Oversight Committee and reminded us to write letters to our legislators using the templates provided by NARFE at the website.

Correspondence. No correspondence received.

Old Business. NONE

New Business. Pat discussed that historically our chapter has reimbursed members attending the SC Federation conference \$75.00 to cover the conference registration fee. This year we do not have delegates; however, we have 8 members attending the conference. Ken Coates made motion for the chapter to pay the \$75.00 registration fee for the 8 members attending this year's conference. Motioned seconded by Charlie Giavelli. After brief discussion, members unanimously voted to pass the motion.

Pat also discussed that the chapter has historically placed an ad in the SC Federation Conference Program. She indicated the prices for ads this year. Charlie Giavelli made motion to spend \$50.00 for a one-half page ad in the conference program. Motion was seconded by Bernard Bolduc. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

Unfinished Business. NONE

Sunshine Report. - Bonnie Lynge – no cards sent.

Good of the Chapter and Announcements. Charlie Giavelli provided information about the upcoming Boys State Program sponsored by the American Legion. Next chapter meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Patricia Whitely
(Acting Secretary)

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