

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

Minutes from meeting of April 16, 2018

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:38 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.

We had no guest speaker this month, instead we viewed one of the archived webinars from NARFE HQ on post retirement changes.

Secretary Report – Position vacant – Pat Whitely provided minutes of March 2018 meeting. Joe Kohut made motion to accept February meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Katrina Gorham. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

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

National upcoming conference. She urged members to attend if possible. National conference will be in Jacksonville, FL on 26-28 August. There is a great line up of speakers and other programs.

Pat briefly discussed our upcoming 50th anniversary celebration.

Federation is seeking volunteers for Federation Historian and Area Vice President – if you are interested in filling one of these positions, contact Pat.

Pat stated that the Federation has endorsed Ken Thomas and Kathy Hensley as National candidates. Pat urged members to vote either on line or using the paper ballot that will appear in the June NARFE magazine. Voting window will be short and begins May 10. Watch your email for the ballot if you have email. Please Vote.

Pat announced that the new OPM Director is Jeff Pon who has big plans for Civil Service Reform

Various members who attended the SC Federation conference shared their insight regarding the conference. All enjoyed the HQ speakers, topics of interest discussed at the conference centered around potential chapter closures or mergers, National members are 41% of NARFE total membership and we are our own best advocates. The 2019 SC Federation Conference will be held in Columbia hosted by the Columbia Chapter.

NARFE-PAC – No report.

Vice President for Membership: VP Joe Kohut provided the following membership report. Current chapter membership is now 152 as of April 16, 2018. Joe stated that even though our members are renewing their membership, they are being transferred to the National Chapter. One member transferred to the National Chapter this past month. We had 1 gains (one new member) and 4 losses this month. 2 members died and 2 transferred out. 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 (138-Margaret Spell) who was not present. The attendance incentive money for the May meeting will be \$40.00. Joe provided a poster to each member to display at their locations that will allow posting for our May 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 March 2018. Due to technical difficulties with account access, Gail was unable to access information in order to provide an updated report for March. Therefore, the information from February 2018 was forwarded to March which was a balance of \$3,398.79. Expenses paid out during the month of February 2018 totaled 172.10. Income received during the month of March 2018 totaled \$111.75. Total on hand in the chapter checking account as of March 31, 2018 which is forwarded to April 2018 is \$3,338.44. There is \$5.00 in share savings account. Treasurer's report approved for audit. Gail indicated that audit of chapter financial records has not yet been accomplished, He will contact Joe Lynge to arrange the audit. Gail also indicated that he had filed and mailed the IRS e-postcard which is a yearly chapter requirement.

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.

Legislative Report: Ken Coates provided the Legislative Report. Ken provided information on the following topics:

Summary of information contained in the March 30th & April 13th Narfe Legislative hotline, Federal Trade latest scam and Fed Week offer of a free TSP benefit analysis.

Federal Retirement Fairness Act which NARFE supports

NARFE opposes the Postal Reform Bill

Area Vice President #1 - Frank Painter – Frank stated that he has resigned as Area Vice President and thanked our chapter for supporting him during his tenure as Area Vice President. He indicated the position is vacant and expressed his hope that someone would volunteer to fill the position. In addition, Frank urged everyone to vote in the upcoming National election, verify your IRS tax withholding in light of the new tax laws for next year as the rates have changed and you may wish to change your withholding rate.

Correspondence. No correspondence received.

Old Business. NONE

New Business – Pat discussed the advertisement rates for the National Conference Program. After discussion of the rates, Joe Kohut made motion for chapter to spend \$75.00 for a ¼ page ad in the national program. Motion was seconded by Ken Coates. Motion passed by majority vote of members present. Pat will create ad and forward to the National committee by the June 1 deadline.

Unfinished Business. NONE

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

Good of the Chapter and Announcements. Next meeting will be May 21 at 12:30 at which time we will have our luncheon and celebrate our chapter's 50th anniversary.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Patricia Whitely
(Acting Secretary)

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