

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

Minutes from virtual meeting of December 14, 2020

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:36 pm. Meeting held using “freeconferencecall.com audio only technology by President Pat Whitely. Pat Whitely led us in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. 9 members were present. Meeting conducted at St. James Place Restaurant. 7 members joined us in person for lunch and fellowship prior to the meeting.

No guest speaker this month.

Secretary Report – Position vacant – Pat Whitely provided minutes of November 2020 meeting. Marian Henry made motion to accept November 2020 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Joe Kohut. Motion passed by voice unanimous vote of members present.

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

Pat stated that when the dues increase goes into effect in January 2021, please monitor your annuity statements as NARFE failed to notify OPM of the due increase, so once OPM catches up you will see the dues amount change. Also, in January the pay raise and any new health benefit elections you made during open season will take effect. Just a cautionary note to watch your annuity statement to ensure the deductions are correct. Since we are not able to meet in person to collect donations for the various organizations that NARFE supports, Pat urged members to donate using the forms in the NARFE magazine.

Pat discussed recent NARFE webinar on Estate Planning. She stated it is an excellent webinar and urged members to listen to it, it is recorded and can be located on the NARFE website.

At this time, it is unknown what our 2021 COLA increase will be, stay tuned and watch your annuity statements for January as health benefits premiums have no doubt increased for most health plans.

Today, December 14, is the last day to make any changes to your current health plan, you do not need to do anything if you do not make any changes. New rates for health benefit premiums in January 2021.

Pat discussed the 2021 conference which has now been postponed until October 18-20, 2021 for an in-person conference which was voted on by the Federation Executive Board.

Vice President for Membership: VP Joe Kohut provided the following membership report. Current chapter membership is now 140 as of November 30, 2020. There are 88 National members in our chapter area for a total chapter membership at 228. Joe continues to urge members to participate in DUES WITHHOLDING as the easiest way to pay national and chapter dues rather than remembering to pay on an annual basis. Dues withholding saves you 15% or \$6.00 a year. It is deducted monthly from your annuity at \$3.34 per month. Currently, 57 members participate in dues withholding.

Second Vice President: Marian stated that our guest speaker for January 2021 will be a representative from Brookdale Senior Living Center in West Ashley. This business is one of NARFE’s premier partners and will most likely also be a vendor/speaker at our 2021 conference. Marian is working on rescheduling speakers that

