



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

Minutes of meeting – December 19, 2022

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. There were 19 members and guests present.

As it was our holiday luncheon meeting, we had no guest speaker this month. Marian Henry stated that our January meeting speaker is representative from Intrepid Hospice.

Secretary Report – Position Vacant – Pat Whitely provided amended minutes of the November 2022 meeting. Ken Coates made a motion to accept the November 2022 meeting minutes. John Pennella seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present.

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

- Pat stated that Federal retiree COLA is 8.7% for 2023, effective January 3, 2023, same as Social Security COLA.
- Pat thanked members who donated food items which will go to needy families served by Intrepid Hospice.
- Pat read letter from outgoing Region III Vice President, Clarence Robinson. The new Region III Vice President will be Lynn Harper beginning January 2023.
- Pat presented our donation to the senior center to Debbie Covell and thanked the staff for all the hard work throughout the year to support our chapter. Pat mentioned that it is traditional that the Chapter provide the Senior Center with a donation during the December meeting. The Senior Center provides a very useful service for the seniors in our community.

Treasurer's Report – John Pennella - The Treasurer's report as of November 30, 2022, is as follows: The Treasurer's report as of November 30, 2022, is as follows: The checking account balance forwarded from October 31 was \$ 4,369.23. Income received during the month of November totaled \$ 68.18 and expenses paid out during the month were \$54.52. There were no checks outstanding at the end of the month. Total on hand in the chapter checking account as of November 30 was \$ 4,382.89. There remains \$5.00 in the share savings account.

Vice President for Membership – VP Joe Kohut was absent, so Pat presented our December membership numbers. Our current chapter membership is now 118 members, with 74 additional National Only South Carolina members giving South Carolina Flowertown Chapter a total of 192 members. We currently have 44 members with dues withholding, which is a 15% cost savings

yearly. Dues are \$48.00 a year. Do not forget to share your magazines and flyers by placing them in community places such as libraries, doctor's offices, bulletin boards, etc. Remember what NARFE has done for all federal workers! NARFE has protected our benefits from freezes and secured larger market-based pay increases in 2019 and 2020. Without NARFE we would not have a voice. The fall membership drive is underway.

Vice President for Programs – Marian Henry announced that our January 2023 meeting speaker will be a representative of Intrepid Hospice who will provide information about services they provide.

Alzheimer's' Chairperson Report - Position Vacant – No report – updated information will be provided at the January meeting.

Report: Legislative Officer Report - Ken Coates – Ken discussed the following legislative topics:

Suspension of Federal long term care program – no new applications are being taken; program suspended for 2 years beginning December 19; current enrollees are not impacted-coverage remains the same.

Update on WEP/GPO – nothing new since last report. Hopefully vote will come soon.

Social Security Fairness Act, HR82 sites where it has been since September 2021. The bill needs house leadership to bring it to a vote.

Continue to contact your representatives, easy to do on NARFE's advocacy page

Update on latest scams which are holiday scams, covid-19, utility bill scams. FTC has a new program called Money Matters. Check it out at www.ftc.gov/money matters. It will help provide spotting, avoiding and reporting scams.

Correspondence. NONE
Old Business. NONE
NEW Business. NONE
Unfinished Business. NONE.

Sunshine Report. no report. Position vacant- still looking for volunteers.

Good of the Chapter and Announcements. NONE

The next meeting date is January 23, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:35 pm.

_____/signed/_____*Patricia Whitely*_____

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