



NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

FLOWERTOWN *CHAPTER 1082* SUMMERVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order by Pat Whitely, Chapter President, at 1:00 pm. She welcomed everyone. We observed a moment of silence and Pat led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 22 members present.

Secretary Report – vacant – Pat Whitely provided copies of the May meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the May meeting minutes by Ken Coates; seconded by Joe Kohut. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer’s Report – John Pennella–The Treasurer’s report as of August 31 is as follows: The checking account balance forwarded from July 31, 2024 was \$4,307.77. Income received totaled \$30.18 and there were no expenses. There were no checks outstanding. Total on hand in the checking account was \$4,337.95. There remains \$5.00 in the share savings account.

1st VP for Programs – Marian Henry – Marian was our guest speaker for today. She discussed the upcoming national election on November 5th and provided South Carolina information about registering to vote, absentee voting, and early voting. Handouts were provided. Further info is available online. The October speaker will be Anne Marie Usher, the Blue Cross & Blue Shield healthcare rep, to speak about upcoming Open Season changes. A rep from Humana and Aetna will be invited to the November meeting.

2nd VP for Membership – Joe Kohut – Joe reported that there are currently 108 chapter members and 87 National Only members, for a total of 195 members for Chapter 1082. Joe explained the importance of NARFE membership and summarized some of NARFE’s accomplishments.

Alzheimer’s Report – position vacant – Pat provided information from Olivia

Williams regarding current fund raising for Alzheimer's research. Goal is \$17 million by 2026. On September 21, World Alzheimer Day, Hallmark will present a movie (Falling Together) at 8 pm.

Charleston Alzheimer Walk will be on Sunday, 27 October, beginning at 2 pm starting at the Joe Riley Stadium. Our chapter has a team; you can walk or donate to the team.

Legislative Officer – Ken Coates – Ken provided an update on WEP/GPO; also provided more information regarding scams. There are new scams every day. You can check the Federal Trade Commission website for further scam information.

President’s Report – Pat Whitely – Pat briefly discussed the following topics:

Reminded members to vote for NARFE National officers and bylaw changes. Reported on attending Fedcon; 500 attendees. COLA 2025 estimated to be 2.5%. Open season 2024 will be 11 November – 09 December. Summerville Chapter will host the NARFE State Conference in 2025 in person at the Hilton Garden Inn. Pat and Joe are Co-Chairs. Senior Day at the Fair; waiting for details. We will have an information table; volunteers needed. AARP is hosting a Wellness event on October 12 at the St. George Senior Center.

Pat announced she is leaving South Carolina to return to Indiana; after the passing of her husband last year. The chapter will need some new officers to step up and fill the open slots.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.
Next meeting will be on October 21 at 1:00pm.

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Marian Henry

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