

NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
MEUNIER-PERRY CHAPTER 1015  
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Minutes of April 11, 2023 Chapter Meeting

The April 11, 2023 Chapter meeting was called to order at Damon's Grill, Myrtle Beach SC by President Sherry Gainer at 11:39 a.m. Officers present were President Sherry Gainer, Treasurer Joe Arsenault, and Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader. Vice President Billie Nichols was absent. Also present were Tina Calo, Linda Kossow-Pagani, Morris Zupan and guest, Sam Quade and guest, Ken Trinkley and guest, Irving Rudy, Gail Seavey, Debbie Arsenault, Mary Brady, and Carolyn Vos. Cynthia DeSantis attended as a guest and prospective new member. A quorum of at least twenty members was not established, however, a motion was made by Joe Arsenault to suspend the quorum requirements for this meeting only from twenty to ten members. Sam Quade seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Ken Trinkley led members with the Pledge of Allegiance; Chaplain Linda Kossow-Pagani offered the prayer.

Previous to this meeting, Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader distributed via email a draft copy of the March minutes to members who were in attendance during the March meeting asking for corrections/additions. No changes were made. During the meeting, Cathy summarized the final draft minutes. Sam Quade made a motion to approve; Tina Calo seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Members will be notified when the approved copy is recorded.

Treasurer's Report, Joe Arsenault (see attachment)

Beginning Balance	\$5291.89
February Receipts	449.92
February Disbursements	<u>20.81</u>
Balance on Hand 3/9/23	\$5721.00

The \$20.81 disbursement, as noted on the report, indicates the purchase represented 50/50 tickets for Alice Villavicencio, Alzheimer's Chair. Clarification was made that the tickets can also be used for Chapter business.

Joe filed IRS Form 990-N, accepted on April 10, 2023 in order to maintain our non-profit status.

Legislative Report, Sherry Gainer

- Legislators are on Easter break; no bills and no voting.
- H.R. 82, Social Security Fairness Act, has 219 cosponsors and may come to a vote. May need to draft letter to U.S. Congressman Russell Fry to support bill for members to sign and send.
- February 2023 COLA was -.5%; predicting <3% yearly increase.

Membership Report - Sherry shared data provided from Billie Nichols. Currently 119 Chapter members, third most members in the thirteen chapter Federation.

Alzheimer's Report, Alice Villavicencio

Beginning Balance March 1	\$ 50.00
March Receipts	36.00
March Disbursements	<u>36.00</u> (sent to Headquarters Alzheimer's fund)
Balance on Hand March 31	\$ 50.00

Sunshine Committee, Carolyn (Lyn) Vos - notify Billie Nichols of address changes. Paid printing costs for NARFE flyers. Members provided copies for distribution.

### Sherry Gainer

- On April 1, OPM started inquiring of health insurance companies about the new USPS health plan. Companies that have at least 1500 enrollees will remain in plan. Development of a new software program, administered by OPM, is underway.
- Motion made by Cathy Linta-Leader to approve a minimum of \$46 to purchase wireless microphone similar to one borrowed from Sherry. Linda Kossow-Pagani seconded; unanimously approved. Sherry will make the Amazon purchase saving us shipping and handling costs.
- Sound system needs to be examined to see if we can find something smaller than and just as effective as current karaoke system.
- Members should consider completing NARFE Form F-100 found on the NARFE HQ website to assist with estate planning.
- Sons and Daughters of Italy (SDIA) needs recognized for all they have done for us whether in the form of a plaque as suggested by Sam Quade or as a certificate. Discussion tabled until next meeting. Article should be written for newsletter seeking suggestions.
- Discussion of picnic tabled until next meeting. Motion made by Joe Arsenault, seconded by Ken Trinkley, and unanimously approved.
- Need to develop a planning calendar to record important dates/events such as picnic, tax filing, and audits.
- Anyone interested in serving on a committee or vacating their current committee(s) should notify her.
- Scheduling Executive Committee meeting; await possible date(s).
- NARFE Chapter ad appeared in Horry Independent newspapers; no bill as of yet. Guest Cindy DeSantis saw ad and visited our website. It's working!

### SC Federation Conference, Sherry Gainer

NARFE HQ Treasurer Kathy Hensley said their annual budget is \$9 million of which 50% is generated from members' dues and the other half from sponsors and ads. There are \$8 million in investments; the building is paid for, and there are 38 employees. Kathy suggested chapters purchase liability insurance for \$100. Chapters need to revise bylaws and quorum requirements. A minimal amount of members voted in the SC election.

Speakers – Morris Zupan recounted his days in the military. Stay tuned for more of his history. Attorney John Page will discuss wills and estate planning during the May meeting.

Mary Brady, 50/50 Co-Chair, announced \$45 was collected for the 50/50 drawing. The Chapter received \$21; two members received \$12 each.

A motion was made to adjourn by Linda Kossow-Pagani and seconded by Ken Trinkley. A motion was approved by a unanimous vote of members present. The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.



Cathy Linta-Leader, Secretary