

NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
MEUNIER-PERRY CHAPTER 1015  
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Minutes of December 14, 2023 Chapter Meeting

The December 14, 2023 Chapter meeting was called to order at Jiggy's Bistro, Myrtle Beach SC by President Billie Nichols at 11:33a.m. Officers present were President Nichols, Treasurer Joe Arsenault, and Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader and guest. Also present were Irving Rudy, Debbie Arsenault, Linda Jo Pagani, Morris Zupan and guest, Dene Nichols, Bill Fizet, Becky Hyman and guest, Sam Quade and guest, Peggy Wicker, Marty (Margaret) McKenrick, Joyce Jones, Grace Contino, and Jim Edert. A quorum of at least twenty members was not established so a motion was made by Marty McKenrick to waive the requirement. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Billie Nichols led members with the Pledge of Allegiance; Chaplain Linda Jo Pagani led us in prayer.

Prior to the meeting, Cathy Linta-Leader distributed via email a draft copy of the November minutes to members who were in attendance during the November meeting. No changes were made. During the meeting, Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader suggested, in the essence of time, we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Linda Jo Pagani made a motion to approve; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Members will be notified when the approved copy is recorded.

Treasurer's Report dated December 14, 2023, Joe Arsenault (see attachment)

Beginning Balance	\$5430.65
Receipts	74.92
Disbursements	<u>124.00</u>
Balance on Hand 11/9/23	\$5381.57

Receipts include the Chapter's share of 50/50 and Headquarter's reimbursements. Disbursements include payment of the speaker's lunch (\$24) and the December meeting's "Giving Tree" (\$100).

Joe drew tickets for 8 lucky winners to choose envelopes from the "Giving Tree". He said during the last Executive Committee meeting a discussion was held that members would receive a free holiday lunch next year if they attended 6 of 9 meetings from November 2023 to November 2024. Becky Hyman made a motion to pass the requirement. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Officer Elections – Billie Nichols said Mary Brady recused herself as the Nominating Committee Chair because she was nominated as Treasurer. Irving Rudy volunteered and served as Chair. He received the ballots and there were no additional nominations other than those received during the November meeting. As such, the successful candidates are Joe Arsenault as President, Becky Hyman as Vice President, Cathy Linta-Leader as Secretary, and Mary Brady as Treasurer. Sam Quade mentioned that the District representative can swear-in officers. Billie will contact the SC Federation President to see if she or a designee can swear-in the officers during the January 2024 meeting.

Billie Nichols

- All meetings in 2024, with the exception of July and August, will be held the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 am at Damon's Bar and Grill.
- Several positions are vacant including the Service Officer, 50/50 Chair, and Alzheimer's Chair. Alice Villavicencio is resigning as the latter effective January 1, 2024. Mary Brady, 50/50 Chair, must resign because her new position as Treasurer presents a conflict of interest.
- Revisions to our bylaws were sent to the SC Federation Parliamentarian for review. Notable changes included changing the Chapter meeting quorum from 20 to 10, and the Executive Committee meeting quorum from 11 to 4.

Website – Billie asked members if anyone is interested in maintaining the site. Bill Fizet asked if anyone contacted a local company for their assistance in designing a site. Cathy Linta-Leader, Web Administrator, informed members the SC Federation has a uniform website utilized by two Chapters, ours and Summerville's. She said Headquarters (HQ) is working on updating websites of Chapters that utilize their software. After numerous inquiries to HQ, Cathy was told it will be sometime until those Chapters migrate to a new site, and those that don't utilize HQ's software are. Cathy states she is open to suggestions. Members can visit our website at <https://1015.scnarfe.org>.

Alzheimer's Report – No report due to the absence of Alice Villavicencio .

Sunshine Committee – Billie asked members to contact him if they are interested in sending a card to John Hughes. He suggested Linda Jo Pagani contact Lynn Vos to ask her to send a card to Loretta Eastwood.

Legislative Report, Morris Zupan

- Morris referred members to the December newsletter which outlined potential legislation.
- Social Security Fairness Act, H.R.82 and S.597, address eliminating the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). Police, firefighters, and teachers associations have joined in the battle to pass the legislation. Recently a hearing was held in Baton Rouge LA by a bipartisan group of legislators trying to push the House Ways and Means Committee to bring the bill to the floor.
- Congress addressed 46 bills during the weeks of November 27, December 4, and December 11. Only two, one addressing federal military housing and the other the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act, dealt with issues affecting us.

Debbie Arsenault, on behalf of the absent Mary Brady announced \$85 was collected for the 50/50 drawing. The Chapter received \$41; two members received \$22 each.

A motion was made to adjourn by Cathy Linta-Leader and was seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy Linta-Leader". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cathy Linta-Leader, Secretary