

NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
MEUNIER-PERRY CHAPTER 1015  
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Minutes of March 9, 2023 Chapter Meeting

The March 9, 2023 Chapter meeting was called to order at Damon's Grill, Myrtle Beach SC by President Sherry Gainer at 11:47 a.m. Officers present were President Sherry Gainer, Vice President Billie Nichols, Treasurer Joe Arsenault, and Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader. Also present was Alzheimer's Research Officer Alice Villavicencio, Tina Calo, Linda Kossow-Pagani, Morris Zupan, Sam Quade, Wayne Stogner, Ken Trinkley, Irving Rudy, Betty Alexakos, Ray Poutre, Carolyn Webb, Lois Chester, Grace Contino. Gail Seavey, and Carolyn Vos. A quorum of at least twenty members was not established.

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 February minutes to members who were in attendance during the February meeting asking for corrections/additions. Additions such as the use of "the" and "and" were recommended and made. Sam Quade made a motion to approve the final draft; Linda Kossow-Pagani seconded. Those present approved the final draft. Members will be notified when the approved copy is recorded.

Treasurer's Report, Joe Arsenault (see attachment)

Beginning Balance	\$5345.72
February Receipts	73.00
February Disbursements	<u>126.83</u>
Balance on Hand 3/9/23	\$5291.89

Joe mentioned two June golf tournaments sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Sons and Daughters of Italy (SDIA). Linda Kossow-Pagani made a motion to spend \$100 for tee markers at each tournament. Morris Zupan seconded; the motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Sherry said we may be able to get partial reimbursement of the \$200 tee markers' cost from NARFE Headquarters. Joe is placing NARFE flyers in bags presented to each golfer.

Legislative Report, Sherry Gainer

- Senate bill 597, similar to House Bill H.R. 82- Social Security Fairness Act, was introduced.
- Sherry plans to visit the Surfside Beach location of Russell Fry, U.S. Congressman. She suggested members visit the websites listed in the March newsletter.
- January 2023 COLA was .6%.

Vice President's Report, Billie Nichols

- An Executive Committee meeting was cancelled because only 6 members could attend.
- Discussed the necessity of adhering to Headquarters record retention requirements. Cathy referred members to her March newsletter article. Sherry urged all members to bring any items/documents to a meeting. Sam Quade may have documents from the former Pawley's Island Chapter.
- Chapter meetings for May, June, and September through December will be held at Damon's Grill the second Thursday of each month. The April meeting date is Tuesday, April 11. The meetings will all start at 11:30 a.m.

Newsletter Editor Report, Billie Nichols - Any member can write an article for the newsletter, including one about their background, and submit it to Billie for publication.

### Membership Report, Billie Nichols

- Currently 120 Chapter members, tied for the second most members in the thirteen Chapter Federation. We have no access to national members' membership data.
- Spoke with officers from ten Chapters and all are having difficulty recruiting new members.
- Cathy gave each member a NARFE brochure with membership applications to distribute. She also showed members a recruitment flyer. Carolyn Vos offered to contact a local business and pay the cost of printing 100 copies.
- After Billie receives the cost of an ad for six and twelve months, the Chapter will run another ad in the Horry County Independent newspapers to solicit new members. NARFE Headquarters may provide partial reimbursement of the cost.

Web Administrator, Cathy Linta-Leader – Very little traffic on our site. Newsletters and minutes available.

### Alzheimer's Report, Alice Villavicencio

Beginning Balance End of January 2023	\$ 60.00
February Receipts	142.00 (can collection and \$97 entertainer donations)
February Disbursements	<u>152.00</u> (sent to Headquarters Alzheimer's fund)
Balance on Hand End of February 2023	\$ 50.00

Alice is selling raffle tickets for the SC Federation March Conference. Researchers continue to research treatments that may slow or stop the progression of cognitive loss in persons with Alzheimer's disease and whether there is a link between it and certain infections/viruses. The March NARFE Magazine discusses the grants that were awarded in 2022 to specific Alzheimer's researchers. Your donations made and continues making these grants possible.

Sunshine Committee, Carolyn Vos – Carolyn offered to write a newsletter article urging members to notify her if any member is in need of a card. She will send a thank you card to the SDIA.

Sherry Gainer continues to research a sound system to either replace or supplement our current karaoke system. She said Damon's WiFi is poor.

Sherry Gainer said the SC Federation will pay \$135 each for up to three members to attend the March 2023 conference. Advanced registration is required by March 15, 2023.

Sherry Gainer suggested members introduce themselves during the next meeting. She asked them to think of ways to show our appreciation to the SDIA.

Cathy Linta-Leader suggested members form a committee to locate speakers. Alice Villavicencio offered to serve. Cathy will write an article for the April newsletter.

Joe Arsenault announced \$80 was collected for the 50/50 drawing. The Chapter received \$40; two members received \$20 each.

A motion was made to adjourn by Sam Quade and seconded by Ken Trinkley. A motion was approved by a unanimous vote of members present. The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 pm.



Cathy Linta-Leader, Secretary