

NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
MEUNIER-PERRY CHAPTER 1015
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
Minutes of February 8, 2024 Chapter Meeting

The February 8, 2024 Chapter meeting was called to order at Jiggy's Bistro, Myrtle Beach SC by President Joseph Arsenault at 11:50 a.m. Officers present were President Arsenault, Vice President Rebecca Hyman, Treasurer Mary Brady, and Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader. Also present were Billie Nichols, Debbie Arsenault, Linda Jo Pagani, Don Pagani, Bill Fizet, Joyce Jones, Charlotte Downey, Peggy Wicker, Irving Rudy, Margaret (Marty) McKenrick, Ken Trinkley, a guest of Vice President Hyman's, and guest and prospective member, Lawrence Brown, who saw our ad in one of the Horry County newspapers. Morris Zupan was excused due to illness. A quorum of at least twenty members was not established so a motion was made by Linda Jo Pagani to waive the requirement. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Ken Trinkley 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 January minutes to members who were in attendance during the January meeting. In the essence of time, she suggested we dispense with the reading of the minutes. A motion was made to approve; the motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Members will be notified when the approved copy is recorded.

Treasurer's Report dated February 8, 2024, Mary Brady (see attachment)

Beginning Balance	\$5097.33
Receipts	58.84
Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>
Balance on Hand 11/9/23	\$5156.17

Receipts include the Chapter's share of 50/50 and Headquarter's reimbursements. There were no disbursements. Billie Nichols made a motion to approve; motion seconded and unanimously passed.

Joseph Arsenault, President

- Proposed sponsoring a \$100 tee marker for the June 29, 2024 Sons and Daughters of Italy golf tournament benefitting the Myrtle Beach Community Kitchen. Motion was made by Bill Fizet to pass; seconded and unanimously approved.
- Reviewed income and expenses for 2022 and 2023, and budget for 2024.
2022: Income \$876.84 Expenses \$690 Net Income \$186.84
2023: Income \$857.76 Expenses \$980.37 Net Loss \$122.61
2024: Based on average of 2022 and 2023
Estimated Income \$867.30 Estimated Expenses \$995.19 Projected Net Loss \$127.89
- Members emailed information regarding the NARFE FEAA Fund Scholarship.
- Cathy Linta-Leader researching information on HQ's sponsored website. Yearly chapter cost of \$60. Cathy explained the SC Federation sponsors current website and incurs the \$100 yearly charge. She is seeking someone to assist her.
- Today's guest speakers from the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Chapter tentatively plans to present one to a veteran-member.
- Need committee chairs; see February newsletter for details.
- Tentatively have two people to perform 2022 audits of the Chapter and Alzheimer's accounts. Two people needed to perform the 2023 audits. Time required is less than ½ hour.

Billie Nichols

- Reminded everyone of the vacant positions of Service Officer, 50/50 Chair, Audit, and Alzheimer's Chair.
- 111 members and 159 national members. No one volunteered to draft a proposed bylaw change to eliminate national only memberships as suggested by Cathy Linta-Leader.

Website – Billie asked members to contact Cathy Linta-Leader if they are interested in maintaining the site.

Alzheimer's Report – No report; the Alzheimer's Chair position is vacant.

Sunshine Committee – No report; Lynn Vos absent.

Legislative Report – Billie Nichols reported that Chair Morris Zupan was absent and referred members to the February newsletter for more information.

Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) – Guest Speakers, Theresa and Tom Gouker, of the Myrtle Beach Shore Birds chapter of the QOVF educated us on the founding and purpose of the foundation, and reminded us of all the freedoms that veterans afforded us. QOVF's mission is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts of valor. Since the QOVF's establishment in 2003, 375,000 quilts were awarded nationally. Since the Shore Birds founding in 2010, over 7,000 quilts were awarded in the area served by the Myrtle Beach chapter. Volunteers and monetary donations are necessary. For more information, visit www.QOVF.org. To donate, contact tggouker@gmail.com or call 843-236-3912.

Billie Nichols, a twenty-one year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, was awarded a quilt and covered by Theresa Gouker. Tom Gouker asked veterans present to stand and salute Billie. Marty McKenrick, Bill Fizet, Ken Trinkley, and Tim Hyman followed suit and a short while later, the remaining attendees stood and everyone sang "God Bless America."

Mary Brady announced \$70 was collected for the 50/50 drawing. The Chapter received \$34; two members received \$18 each. Volunteer needed to replace Mary.

A motion was made to adjourn by Joyce Joyce; seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.



Cathy Linta-Leader, Secretary