

NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
MEUNIER-PERRY CHAPTER 1015
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
Minutes of January 11, 2024 Chapter Meeting

The January 11, 2024 Chapter meeting was called to order at Jiggy's Bistro, Myrtle Beach SC by President Billie Nichols at 11:42 a.m. Officers present were President Nichols, Treasurer Joe Arsenault, and Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader. Also present were Mary Brady, Debbie Arsenault, Linda Jo Pagani, Don Pagani, Bill Fizet, Becky Hyman and guest, Joyce Jones, Grace Contino, and Gail Seavey. Lynn Vos was excused due to illness. A quorum of at least twenty members was not established so a motion was made by Bill Fizet 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.

Billie Nichols welcomed SC Federation President Pat Whitely who administered the oath of office to newly elected officers President Joe Arsenault, Vice President Becky Hyman, Secretary Cathy Linta-Leader, and Treasurer Mary Brady. Billie expressed his thanks to Irving Rudy for serving as the Nominating Committee Chair.

Pat Whitely remarked the 2024 FED CON conference will be held in St. Louis. More information on the conference will be available in the NARFE magazine in the upcoming months. Pat averred state conferences will be held yearly with one year being virtual and the next in-person, and so on. She said NARFE HQ is examining the declining membership and is in the planning stage of holding virtual pre-retirement seminars with employees of federal agencies. Pat suggested Chapters contact members who do not renew their memberships to learn why. She stated Lynn Harper, Region III, is on a committee studying membership. Pat indicated the subject of national members remains controversial. An area of consideration for our Chapter (and others) is to propose a change in bylaws to disband with national members and have all members join a chapter. She reminded us that Chapters cannot contact national members directly, however, the SC Federation emails the Federation newsletter to national members. As such, she stressed the importance of every Chapter submitting a relevant newsletter article for publication in the Federation's newsletter. Pat also suggested we send her our monthly newsletter so she can send it to the national members within our Chapter's zip code areas.

Prior to the meeting, Cathy Linta-Leader distributed via email a draft copy of the December minutes to members who were in attendance during the December meeting. In the essence of time, she suggested we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Joe Arsenault 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 January 11, 2024, Joe Arsenault (see attachment)

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| Beginning Balance | \$5381.57 |
| Receipts | 155.76 |
| Disbursements | <u>440.00</u> |
| Balance on Hand 11/9/23 | \$5097.33 |

Receipts include the Chapter's share of 50/50, non-members' payments for the December 2023 lunch, and Headquarter's reimbursements. The disbursement comprised payment of members' lunches at the December meeting.

Billie Nichols

- Several positions are vacant including the Service Officer, 50/50 Chair, and Alzheimer's Chair.
- Revisions to our bylaws were sent to the SC Federation Parliamentarian and then to Headquarters for review. Pat Whitely remarked that Headquarters is backlogged. Notable changes to the bylaws include changing the Chapter meeting quorum from 20 to 10, and the Executive Committee meeting quorum from 11 to 4. Pat Whitely stated her chapter changed the quorum verbiage to "majority of members present" in lieu of a specific number.
- Billie Nichols reminded members to submit newsletter articles to him by the 5th of each month.

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 – On behalf of Lynn Vos, Billie Nichols announced the passing of member John Hughes. Billie, on behalf of the Chapter, sent condolences to John's niece and asked members to contact him if they needed an address to send their sympathies.

Legislative Report – No report. Morris Zupan absent.

Mary Brady announced \$50 was collected for the 50/50 drawing. The Chapter received \$24; two members received \$13 each.

A motion was made to adjourn by Cathy Linta-Leader and was seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cathy Linta-Leader".

Cathy Linta-Leader, Secretary