

**MEUNIER-PERRY
NARFE CHAPTER 1015
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES Thursday, February 20, 2020**

Blake Crawford, Chapter 1015 President was present and called the meeting to order at 11:30 am on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at Damon's Restaurant, 2985 S. Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The Chapter Secretary, Billie L Nichols was present. Nineteen members and six guests were present for a total attendance of twenty-five at today's meeting.

Ken Trinkley (Sergeant at Arms) led the pledge of allegiance and John Hughes (Chaplain) led us in prayer.

Blake Crawford introduced our speaker for the meeting, Marian Calder, Education Specialist from the Horry County Museum who presented our members with a very informative history of The Grand Strand dating back to the early 1900s. She started with the history of how New Town evolved (now Myrtle Beach) and explained how the railroad and the boats transported the timber from the sawmills to the beach to build the new community. She also explained the process used to produce and cure tobacco and how tobacco production made a very profitable and significant impact in helping build the new development. The Holiday family, from Galivants Ferry, brought in assistance from other sources to gain knowledge on tobacco processing to make it a major crop in SC. In the late 1890s, Mr. Burroughs built a railroad to harvest and move timber throughout Horry County. This same railroad ended up taking passengers to and from the new development of Myrtle Beach. Amusements were set up at the beach, including the Pavilion. The Myrtle Beach Pavilion was originally built in the 1920s. There have been 4 buildings identified as the Pavilion, the most recent being built in 1948. That structure was torn down in 2006, and today is the site of the Carolina Country Music Festival. In the 1920s, the Burroughs and Chapin families united to build roads and stores in the new development. In 1926, the Woodside brothers, who were in the textile industry, purchased 65,000 acres in Myrtle Beach for \$965,000 with the goal to create a resort for the elite. They began by building Pine Lakes Golf Course and the Ocean Forest Hotel. This project failed however when the stock market crashed in 1929. Much of the land, with improvements made on it by the Woodsides, reverted back to its original owners, Myrtle Beach Farms (today Burroughs & Chapin).

Marian also distributed pamphlets from the Horry County Museum which listed dates and times for the scheduled presentations at the museum and galleries for February. Presentations at the museum for February 22 will be on the Golden Age of Piracy in the Carolinas. The museum also publishes a monthly newsletter that gives information on a host of activities scheduled at the museum. You can also contact the museum by phone at 843-915-5320 or Email: HCGmuseum@horrycounty.org

Joe Arsenault presented the Treasury Report as of February 20, 2020. We need to amend the January 16, 2020 Minutes to reflect the total on hand as of January 16, 2020, was \$4,221.12, not \$4,221.67.

Sherry Gainer presented the Legislative Officer Report.

Alice Villavicencio presented the Alzheimer's Research Report. She focused on the benefits received from getting good sleep and how good sleep plays such an important role in connecting the nerve cells in the brain. Previous and more recent research studies have shown that sleep is good for brain health and that disturbances in sleep may explain the onset of diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. Alice also informed us that she would be selling 50/50 tickets for research on Alzheimer's at today's meeting and the meetings before the SC Federation Conference takes place at which time she is required to turn in the proceeds from the ticket sales.

Lynn Vos, Membership, presented an update on get-well cards and birthday cards sent to members and guests during February.

Billie Nichols, Secretary, distributed copies of the previous meeting for January 23, 2020, which were read and motion made to approve. Billie announced that Chapter has 151 members as of February 18, 2020, and we welcomed one new member to the February 20th meeting- -Morris Zupan.

The Chapter recognized our regular waitress at Damon's with a \$50.00 gift for providing excellent dining service to Chapter members throughout the year.

Blake Crawford asked the members to ascertain if anyone was interested in attending the upcoming SC Federation Convention in late April 2020 in Summerville, SC. No members were interested at this time.

Blake Crawford asked the members for their recommendations concerning moving our monthly chapter meetings to a different location. By a majority show of hands by those members present, it was decided that we will continue to hold our monthly General Meeting at Damon's.

Mary Brady and Debra Arsenault conducted the 50/50 Drawing. The total for the 50/50 was \$75.00 (2 winners) of \$19.00 each was paid out. The balance of \$37.00 was deposited in the Chapter bank account.

No further business was conducted on the February 20, meeting. With the approval from the 19 attending members, the meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. Subsequently, the Secretary electronically forwarded a draft of the minutes of the meeting to each of the 19 members for review. No chapter meetings were held in March or April due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. For this reason, the minutes were not finalized until May 11, 2020.

Billie L Nichols, Chapter 1015 Secretary