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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: *Happy birthday* to Billie Jo Rivera, Dorothy Osburn, James Dodd, Madelyn Brown, Marshall Heath, Peggy Blevins, Paul Hood, Vanetta Brumbaugh, and Connie Puett. Have many, many more happy birthdays!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Happy anniversary to Don and Florence Whitebread. Have many, many more!

TREASURER: WALLY MITCHELL

Beginning Balance	2023.96
Receipts	359.43
Disbursements	245.00
Ending Balance	2138.39

SECRETARY: LANNIE PENDER Secretary's Report (Lana Pender): National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees NARFE October 11, 2018, President Mary Reed called the meeting to order at 11:35.

INVOCATION: Chaplain, Dan Rickman, led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Reed extended best wishes to all those with Birthdays and Anniversaries in the month October. She also introduced Vicky Van Lieu, Judy Grossnickle, Area III Vice President and her husband Dennis.

President Reed asked for a motion to approve the minutes: a motion was made by Dan Rickman, the motion seconded, motion passed. She then asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, a motion was made by Jim Mitchell, the motion was seconded and passed, subject to audit.

President Reed announced the Chapter is trying something new; as members check in they will be given a survey on the meal, they are asked to fill them out and return them to the Secretary. Next month (November) will be food pantry month; members are asked to bring non-perishable goods to be donated to the Food Pantry. Judy Grossnickle gave a short talk about being Area III's Vice-Pres., she said of all the jobs she has had in NARFE this has been the most rewarding. She also announced that Jim Dodd has asked to be replaced as the State Web Master and this position will be filled by her husband Dennis. Jim Dodd has done a wonderful job as Web Master for many, many years and his service was greatly appreciated. Judy will also visit us for the December meeting.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: The report was given by Jim Dodd, the proposal of President Trump to freeze federal pay in 2019 will go in effect if the 1.9% pay increase proposed by congress is not approved. The house and senate bill probably will not be finalized until after the midterm elections. A new bill H.R. 6933 was introduced in the congress to modify the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). The WEP reduces the Social Security benefits of federal retirees covered by the CSRS retirement system. Under the bill starting in 2020 individuals whose Social Security benefits are reduced by the WEP would receive an additional payment of \$100.00 per month.

PROGRAM: The program was presented by Vickie Bobbitt, Founder and Director of the Intergenerational Clearinghouse and Resource Educational Center (I.C.A.R.E.) of Junction City, Kansas. This is a non-profit organization working to bring multi-generations together. I.C.A.R.E., is currently working on a Multi-Generational Playground Fitness Equipment Project for the 5th Street Park, commonly known as Playground Park. The adult equipment will give adults of all ages an opportunity to exercise and work out. The equipment is for all adults, but, especially for those that bring their kids or grandkids to the park. She passed around pictures of the equipment to be installed by a KC Company. ICARE solicited funds to provide the equipment. One Bench is being provided by Mrs. Rago and two more by Geary County Health Care; the cost of each bench is \$750 plus installation. The next project is to raise funds for equipment to shelter the playground equipment. Ms. Bobbitt handed out a list of 15 great ideas to mix generations. She also brought students from Lincoln Elementary School to serve the meal and to pick up dishes. They also sat and visited with Chapter Members.

There were 47 reservations for the meeting and 41 in attendance. We collected \$78.00 for Alzheimer's.

The door prizes were won by Kathy Triplett, Willadeen Camm, Vicky Van Lieu and Mary Zimmerman.

Our next meeting is 8 November. The meeting adjourned at 12:50.

The minutes were transcribed by Secretary Lannie Pender.

SUNSHINE: VONNIE BRYANT

(If you know of anyone during the month that needs cheering up, is ill or has had a death in the family, please call Vonnie, 761-5857.)

WHAT'S HAPPENING?:

- November Action: Bring Food for the Food Pantry
- November Speaker: Lindsey Younger, Federal Blue Cross/Blue Shield Representative and Greg Buchanan, Chief of the Army Benefits Center, Fort Riley, Kansas.
- December Entertainment: Troubadours, Christmas Song Program
- January Speaker: Tom Grelk, Honor Flight Experiences
- February: Black History Month – Program TBD
- March, May, June: TBD
- April: Harold Macumber, Report on recent trip to Japan

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: JAMES DODD

November 8, 2018: Since Congress has not been in session since our last NARFE meeting, the latest NARFE hotline message was dated 12 October 2018.

- Based on the latest consumer price data, the 2019 COLA for CSRS annuities and Social Security benefits will be 2.8 percent.
- For NARFE members who are FERS retirees, the COLA will be 2 percent.
- The OPM Director Dr. Jeff Pon has resigned from his post. The White House has appointed Margaret Weichert to the position of Acting Director, OPM.
- There is still a legislation play to privatize the US Postal Service and move federal benefits programs out of OPM. How this will be handled by the new US Congress is unknown....

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT FOR CHRISTMAS!

