

Federation Executive Board Meeting
November 15, 2017

The Oklahoma Federation Executive Board Meeting was held on November 15, 2017 at Arvest Bank, 3900 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At 10:00a.m. an opening prayer was given by Ron Vick, and the Pledge of Allegiance by James Crowder.

At 10:05 a.m. the President's opening remarks were given by Randy Freeland who announced that Carolyn Harris, Linda Resnick, Betty Lowrey and Marshall and Linda Richards would be absent from today's meeting. Pam Burnett was introduced to the other board members and other changes to the agenda were discussed.

At 10:08a.m. the Secretary Minutes from May 12, 2017 which have been posted on our website for several months were approved. The motion given by Marilyn Componation and 2nd by Johnny Hanlon.

At 10:08a.m. the Treasurer Report and Budget 2017-2018 was given by Johnny Hanlon. A motion was given by Ron Vick and 2nd by James Gillispie that we approve the Profit Loss Budget vs Actual Expenses for 2017 State Convention even though Chapter 2184's per capital dues were not included within the statements. That motion was approved.

A motion was given by Marilyn Componation and 2nd by James Gillispie that the proposed budget for 2018 be approved with the understanding that Chapter 2184's per capital dues were not included in the budget (monies were deposited but statement did not show the amount). That budget was approved.

During May's convention the Audit Committee could not give a completed audit report due to the absence of the Federation Treasurer. The audit committee chairman was James Gillispie who reported that the audit committee recently conducted an audit with supporting documentation.... every 13th check was audited. James is to give this final report regarding the audit in our next newspaper.

This reminder was stated: If any member of the Oklahoma NARFE Federation wants to attend our federation meeting to hear and view any detailed financial reports, they are always welcome to do so. Only a general report will be published in the next Oklahoma NARFE News.

For the future audits, (because of the new bylaws) an audit committee will be set up by the Federation President, (one person from each district). 5 people will make up the audit committee. The executive board will approve the 5 people. The final financial report will not be ready until June 15th from the Treasurer (to include May's statement). Additional expense for the 5 committee members to meet was discussed.

The 2018 National Conference fees were discussed. The early bird registration fee is \$150.00 with \$75.00 for the Presidents meeting, which is a required meeting for all Presidents of Federations, with a \$99.00 per night hotel cost.

The use of chapter bank accounts monies was discussed. Usage for retention and recruitment of members is allowed, however usage for activities other than for NARFE activities is prohibited because the money came from NARFE memberships. Any money accumulated from hosting a convention are not included as dues money and can be used for other purposes, however this money must be separated in some manner (i.e ledger, etc.) but not required to be kept in a separate bank account. This rule is found in Article 1 of the national bylaws. Jerome Smith wrote an article regarding this problem in the past because this national law is governed by the IRS. How chapters handle Alzheimers funds was discussed.

At 11: 10 a.m. the Region VI updates from Marshall Richards were read by Randy Freeland who reported that two members of the Oklahoma Federation have applied for committees in the upcoming National Conference. Applications to apply were found in the NARFE October Magazine on page 51. Those chosen would have to meet at NARFE Headquarters in January, 2018. The deadline for submitting your request to volunteer was November 15th. The expenses for attending the meeting would be reimbursed. Carolyn Harris has volunteered for a committee.

Marshall thanked all those who attended the Region VI Seminar.

President Freeland wants to create a NARFE calendar for our newspaper to give deadline dates for upcoming events. Linda Resnick was mentioned as being asked to create the calendar for us. The motion was given by Pam Burnett and 2nd by JoAnn Dungan then approved by the board that Linda would be asked to complete this job.

11:32a.m. break for lunch

After lunch, what to do about the Litigation Files from the 1980's and 1990's and the files on charitable contributions for OKC Bombing Memorials was discussed since the Oklahoma Historical Society cannot receive files that have financial or litigation information within them. President Freeland will take the law suit information with him to see if our National office is interested in it and James Olden will see if the Oklahoma Federal Executive Board or Oklahoma City Memorial museum would be interested in the other material. Financial information and donor information may have to be redacted.

At 1:05p.m. Nancy Stanphill gave her report on Oklahoma NARFE News. The last issue was delayed by 2 weeks. The printer sent our newspaper to Arizona. We have one and a half years left on our contract. Notification and balloting for the future may be affected if we do not keep the newspaper. Other small- town newspapers will be sent to the publisher to help them find advertisers and we need articles from members to fill our paper. Membership numbers may have an effect on retaining our newspaper in the future. Those persons who attended the Region VI seminar will submit articles for our next newspaper. Having a member's forum section for complaint or compliment was suggested, also Bio's on officers and members to be added in the future. Comparisons between other states papers were discussed. The deadline for submitting articles is December 14, 2017.

At 1:30p.m. Past President, James Olden reported on the Region VI Seminar's success and that there were no vacancies on the board at this time.

At 1:32p.m. James Gillispie, our 1st V.P. gave his Membership Report. The incentives which run through May 31st were discussed. Health Fairs are currently ongoing. The M-112 will give a chapter its dropped members. It was suggested that we go back to those reports to recruit or reinstate members. There are only 8 new members added to this state this year. There is a new executive director at Headquarters... her name is Barb Sido. The impact of the one member one vote and chapter membership was discussed, and the changes Headquarters have made (omitting chapter information) was discussed. There are revisions of membership and renewal forms on the NARFE website.

At 1:50p.m., President Freeland read the Federal Legislation Report, 2nd V.P. submitted by Carolyn Harris. Carolyn, with Federation President Freeland's concurrence, gave her approval of NARFE-PAC funds for Senator James Lankford, attended the NARFE Regional VI Seminar and keeps abreast of activity

through the NARFE Legislative hotline. She is reviewing NARFE-Pac data quarterly and is attending chapter meetings as a presenter.

Carolyn express interest in being on the Advocacy Advisory Committee at the 2018 National Conference.

At 1:55p.m. James Crowder, the State Legislation, 3rd V.P. gave his report on our state's inability to pass a budget and how other states tax their oil and gas at 7%. James Crowder wrote an article to our state's legislature on the necessity of passing a budget for our state.

2:05 p.m. Health Fair Results were reported by James Gillispie and our District's V.P.'s. The Health fairs are ongoing, but Tinker AFB was not attended for lack of supplies.

At 2:10 a.m. Gary Flinchum, the District I V.P. reported, that he closed Chapter 2333. Nine members transferred to other active chapters. He included transfer slip in the letters they received. Many of them transferred to Chapter 2184. He has talked to Chapter 278 about combining chapters and or meeting together with 2184. It is import that the V.P. knows who the treasure and president is for each chapter. Many ways of communication to reach members that don't attend members were discussed. Chapter 2351 lost 80 members out of that chapter to national this year. When talking to the elderly, having a caretaker present helps in communication.

2:15 a.m. Ron Vick, the District II V.P. went to health fairs in Miami, but it was not very well attended. In McAlester, there was great interest in NARFE. In Muskogee there was great interest. Ed Farris helps at the fairs there. Ron states, he is currently out of supplies.

2:20 a.m. Jerry Walker, the District III V.P. states there was little interest in Altus while the security was very hard to get through. This was thought to be a waste of time. There was some success in Stillwater. El Reno is scheduled for the 28th of this month.

2:30 a.m. Marilyn Componation, the District IV V.P. reports that the Seminar in Longview was the best she ever attended. There were two speakers there from Washington D. C. Her article regarding the event will be in our next newspaper.

At 2:40 p.m., Linda Resnick's, District V V.P. report was read by our President. She reports that all her chapters are covering health fairs and that she attended the meeting of Chapter 184.

At 2:45 p.m. our President read Betty Lowrey's Alzheimer's Report. As of November 14th, 15 Oklahoma Federation chapters have donated a total of \$4313 for Alzheimer's research. On November 13, 2017, Bill Gates announced a \$50 million dollars investment into the Dementia Discovery Fund.

At 2:50p.m., the Service Officer's Report was given by Pam Burnett who stated that 2nd renewal notices get a call from her for her chapter. She has business cards made up with e-mail to Presidents of NARFE website for chapter's links on those cards. It was then discussed that the National website could have a 'find us locally' link on the national website. It was discussed that Federal Employees asking for help from a service officer need to be a NARFE member (this is a good time to sign people up). FERS members need to always be referred to headquarters for help. The name James Marshall was given as the new Deputy Director for the National Benefits Institute at headquarters.

3:10 p.m. the Historian, Joann Dungan, stated that she is sorting through 3 tubs of photos and started a photo album. A request for new photos was made and some old newsletters from several chapters are to be sent to the archives which will be sorted by chapters. A reminder that you must wear white gloves while looking through material at the archives.

3:15p.m. Other Business

--Next Meeting will be around third week in March 2018. A good time to close out 2018, set up new membership incentives, and decide on a stipend for 2018 National Conference.

--Per Capita Dues and what to do when they dry up.

--Election of Federation Officers in 2019 at our State Conference will need to be in NARFE HQ by December 15, 2018.

--Our NARFE magazine will have election and resolution's information: For Oklahoma Federation we'll use the newspaper.

--The closed Ada Chapter's three ring binder was given to the historian.

--Dorothy Creswell, presentation in Longview regarding login has new directions for the users.

At 3:36p.m. Motion to adjourn was given by Jean McBride and 2nd by, Johnny Hanlon that motion was approved.

