

MINUTES of the NARFE OKLAHOMA FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS 63RD STATE CONVENTION,

HOSTED BY CHAPTER 2184, was held on May 11-12, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tulsa Oklahoma.

Convention opened at 1:30p.m. with the call to order given by Chapter 2184's President, Gary Flinchum, who introduced James Gillispie , who then gave the prayer and pledge of allegiance , and introduced speaker Karen Keith, Tulsa Co. Commissioner for Dist.2. Karen welcomed our members to Tulsa and suggested many places to see and events to attend while visiting Tulsa. James Gillispie then introduced our Oklahoma Federation President Randy Freeland who welcomed our convention members. Randy congratulated Rubie Hokanson and Nancy Stanphill on a job well done on this convention, Randy then gave various announcements. He then introduced the Sergeant at Arms, Joyce Woodring and 2nd V.P. Carolyn Harris our NARFE PAC chair, he also asked for approval of the agenda for the convention.

Rubie Hokanson came forward to introduce special guests Joyce and Ron Hoffman, formerly members with the Grove chapter now living in St. Louis MO. who drove to our convention and bought a quilted throw to raffle off for Alzheimer's.

Randy Freeland then introduced our Region VI Vice-President, Marshall Richards who gave the State of the Region address. Mr. Richards mentioned that Headquarters has hired an Executive Director named Barb Cido. That our organization is operating in the black however NARFE lost 743 members in March, membership continues to decline. Region VI has 16,896 members, which include 3136 National only members, our Region has 125 chapters. We were given a reminder to make sure we put the chapter number and our membership number on the application when we recruit someone.

The Legislative conference had over 300 attendees and Region VI had 11 attendees. A plea was made for more of us to attend next year.

NARFE PAC's last cycle raised over 1 million dollars. This is important because the new administration seems not very friendly to Federal workers. The house bills that concern NARFE are: HR 576 Postal Reform, HR 1205 Social Security Fairness Bill and HR 1251 CPI-E. Marshall explained each bill.

The next Region VI Seminar will be this September in Longview, Texas on the 20th and 21st. The seminar will begin at 8:30a.m. on Wednesday and adjourn promptly at noon on that Thursday. The Registration fee is \$75.00 which will include at least four meals. The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn North, 300 Tuttle Circle, (903) 663-6464, the room rate is \$91.00. Those members that need handicap accessible rooms were asked to book as soon as possible. Joe and Jerry Hatfield were mentioned and why they could not attend.

A break was given at 2:15p.m. The convention reconvened at 2:30p.m.

The Memorial Service was led by George Wiland.

Roll Call of Chapters and Federation Officers was given by Jean McBride and minutes of 2015 convention minutes were approved with a motion by James Gillispie and 2nd by Marilyn Comonation. There were

14 chapters in attendance. The absent officers were Johnny Hanlon, Treasurer, Pamela Burnett, Service Officer, Jefferson Vaughan, District 1 V.P. and Jerome Smith Immediate Past Region VI V.P.

A preliminary credentials report was given by Linda Resnick, who reported 61 voting members as of noon today representing 14 chapters.

President Freeland said, awards be given at the banquet and the Treasurer's report will be put into the Oklahoma, NARFE news paper.

Jim Henley gave a preliminary list of officers and James Gillispie asked for nominations from the floor, there being none, swearing in of officer will be on Friday.

Nancy Stanphill reported on Oklahoma NARFE News. Nancy went over the rules for submitting an article, and gave a plea for more pictures and articles for the paper. Photos need to be a separate attachment. Please make sure your address, telephone and email address are current with the NARFE membership home office. You can find the membership number in your NARFE magazine.

State of the Federation address was given by President Freeland stating that this is our last state Convention from now on it will be a Conference. Install officers, seminars and training will be what the Conferences will cover. There will be no officer elections or bylaws changes at the conferences.

The Ada chapter 758 will soon close. Five chapters have closed since our last Convention 2 years ago. We had 47 chapters in 2007. We now have 2967 members in Oklahoma, 675 are national members and 1023 members are on dues withholding.

An appeal for new blood was made. We need help in the areas of Public Relations and Legislative inputs. President Freeland went over the past Health Seminars within our state and the Health Fairs. Kerin Barngrover and Kim Troy with BCBS chart out the locations for the Eastern and Western part of our State.

President Freeland mentioned the U.S. Postal Service Career Conferences we could attend and the Federation Presidents meeting he will be attending this July, 2017. Webinars information and how to access past webinars was discussed and our Legislative officers were praised for work well done and stated that our State Federation is healthy.

Rubie Hokanson gave Banquet instructions for 6 p.m.

Caucus instructions given by Randy Freeland then James Gillispie gave the benediction, We recessed at 4p.m.

Friday, May 12, 2017 Convention reconvened at 8:36a.m.

James Gillispie gave the call to order the pledge and prayer for today. Then President Freeland asked for any unfinished business and new business, there was none. Instructions regarding the live feed to Washington D. C. which was at 10a.m. today was given and various other announcements were made.

President Freeland brought up the reasons for bylaw revisions and introduced Nancy Stanphill who went over those changes within our Federation Bylaws. President Freeland then stated that after the adoption of the bylaws today they will be sent to the National office for approval. Motion for approval was made by Marvin Resnick and 2nd by Charles Stanphill the vote approved the changes.

Nominating committee report: Motion by Jim Henley recommending that the officers be voted in as one group and by acclamation. 2nd made by Charles Stanphill and the following officers were voted in for a two year term and then sworn in by Marshall Richard: Randy Freeland ,President; James Gillespie, 1st V.P., Membership; Carolyn Harris, 2nd V.P., Legislative and NARFE Pac; James Crowder, 3rd V. P., State Legislative chair; Johnnie Hanlon, Treasurer; D. Jean McBride-Samuels ,Secretary; Gary Flinchum District I V. P.; Ron Vick, District II V.P.; Jerry Walker, District III V.P.; Marilyn Componation, District IV V.P. and Linda Resnick, District V, V.P.

Randy went over the Presidents Seminar report then James Gillespie gave the audit report.

There was a break at 9 30a.m. Convention reconvened at 9:55a.m.

Ed Ferris gave the teller and ballot committee report who reminded us that this is the last time this committee will be needed for our Federation. Joyce Woodring gave the Sergeant at Arms report stating that 20 dollars was collected for telephone rings for Alzheimer's and because her birthday is tomorrow we sang happy birthday to her.

Marshall Richards introduced the webinar speaker, Molly Checksfield our Grassroots Manager with the National Office. She spoke on where we have been, where we are now and our future concerning Legislative priorities and the impact of these change for Federal Employee and Federal Retirees. Several questions were submitted. NARFE members can access the Legislative Hotline action center for news as it happens in Washington D.C. the telephone number is, 1-866-220-0044. James Olden made a plea for members to submit their current e-mails to NARFE to get these alerts.

James Gillespie introduced Linda Resnick who gave the final credentials report, stating 64 delegates 12 officers totaling 76 voting members present.

The Resolution report was given by Randy Koonce reported that there were no resolutions. Ron Vick gave the membership report and gave suggestions on how to reach Federal Employees in Oklahoma.

Caucus reports:

District 1 V. P. Gary Flinchum gave his report and stated that Al Hong would serve on the nominating committee.

District 2 V.P. Ron Vick gave his report and stated that Ed Farris would serve on the nominating committee..

District 3 V.P. Jerry Walker gave his report stating Jim Henley to serve on the nominating committee.

District 4 V.P. Marilyn Componation gave her report and stated that pending her approval, Billy Ripple would serve on the nominating committee.

District 5 V.P. Linda Resnick, gave her report and stated that Randy Koonce would serve on the nominating committee

Carolyn Harris gave here report on NARFE PAC: The 2015 -2016 cycle with 292 contributors we raised \$14,228 with 8 sustainers for the PAC. The first quarter of 2017 \$9,915.00 was collected. Convention results were the following: with 8 contributors \$440.00 collected with 1 sustainer. Dan O'Neal of Edmond won the guess jar.

Betty Lowery gave her report and thanked all those who helped at the table she also promoted the memorial cards. Convention results are totaled at \$531.83. Winners of the quilt was Linda Richards, Dan O'Neal won the table runner and Bonita Birdsong won the flag .

President Freeland stated that there were no courtesy resolutions submitted but had Rubie Hokanson and Nancy Stanphill come forward. Both women said a few words about the convention. He again thanked them for their efforts organizing the Convention.

Convention report by Jerry and Wanda Walker was given for Time and Place, Northwest OKC Ch. 1722 is considering to host in 2019 as is Muskogee Chapter 22 for 2021.

Marshall Richard spoke about the Region VI Seminar in Long View, Texas on September 20, 21 2017 at the Event Center, the hotel cost will be \$ 91 per night. The Registration Fee is \$ 75. Mr. Richard stated that any Handicap persons will need to book early and that the room rate is good 3 days before seminar. The Registration Fee includes most of the lunches and the Banquet plus someone from headquarters will be there.

Randy gave directions regarding the officers meeting following the convention and a few other matters were taken care of.

Doug and Evelyn Martin took care of the door prizes throughout the convention the final grand prize went to Gwen Horton.

James Gillespie gave benediction.