

October 3, 2014 MEETING

Oklahoma Federation Executive Board Meeting was held on October 3, 2014 at Arvest Bank, 3900 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City OK 73105

Meeting started at 10:00 a.m. with Prayer by President James Olden and Pledge of Allegiance given by Dan Jenner.

10:03 a.m. President's opening remarks on the state of the members that were absent from today's meeting and his visit to Muskogee's Chapter 22 our oldest chapter in Oklahoma. Secretary Minutes are posted online. Then James introduced of Jerry Smith.

Report given by Region VI Vice President – Jerry Smith. who spoke on our dwindling decline of membership numbers and the importance of talking about problems before they get worse. Statistics were given, examples on how to get and retain members was given and a report was submitted for filing. Jerry said goodbye as he is now stepping down from his post. Oklahoma had a 95% showing regarding our voting record at the national convention.

Thank you gift was presented by President James Olden.

At 10:30 a.m. The President introduced Billie Ripple, Chairperson for the 2015 State Convention which will be hosted by Chapter 0946/ Mid-Del. Billie gave her report on the progress to date. The date of the convention is Thursday and Friday May 14th and 15th, 2015 at the Rose State College Professional Training Center, located at 1720 Hudiburg Drive, Midwest City, Oklahoma. Ideas and discussions were given. Chapter 0946 meets the first Tuesday of every month if anyone would like to attend.

At 10:47 a.m. the President spoke on our 2015 Region VI Training Conference. It will be held in Oklahoma next year. The offer of holding it at a Casino was made and the Federation members found nothing wrong with that location provided all the accommodation were at the site. Changing the name to from conference to seminar was recommended and that the seminar should be held in the fall. Discussion on how and who will do the work putting it on. Jeff Vaughan for Chapter 2184 and Bob Edwards Chapter 722 and James Olden will check with their chapters to see if they will hold the seminar. A cookbook on how to do seminars can be accessed from Jerry Smith please contact him for the information. A deadline for chapters to step forward of 30 days was set. After that the Federation will take over.

At 11:00 a.m. The President spoke on Membership and the crisis associated with our losses. The assistance OPM use to give NARFE headquarters to contact federal retiree's is no longer available to us. Headquarters need the Chapters, the members in the field, to help in the recruitment of members. Discussion was made on how to reach out and keep and acquire members. Goal was made to provide 100 prospect cards per month we are currently at 757 cards and need to step things up to acquire the 1200 goal before the end of 2014.

Discussion was made on e-narfe as a success story and why we should support this trend.

At 11:30 a.m. Bob Edwards gave to President James Olden an award for recruiting the most members in Oklahoma.

Discussion on Health Fairs: The Eastern and Western Oklahoma schedules along with a Top Recruiters Journal list was handed out. A suggestion to send our top recruiters out to the biggest health fair locations was made and members volunteered. Marilyn Componation will get with people to help attend fairs in the Oklahoma City area including Tinker AFB and she will order the supplies needed to work the fairs; Jeff Vaughan will take

care of Tulsa group and get supplies needed for Tulsa; Jerry Walker will talk to Stillwater chapter on covering the fairs and will order supplies needed. Our President volunteered to assist and wanted to encourage our top recruiters to make every effort gain members. Each of the district vice presidents will take their list, order the supplies needed and get the people to help recruit at the health fairs this year.

Jerry Smith ask us to not forget about matching funds, the Federation and National Headquarters will help on with matching funds M-2 cards help headquarters by letting them know who you are. Keep application on you at all time and know you NARFE number. Regarding the offering of free memberships between 8% to 10% stay with NARFE. The Federation President stated 6% to 7% was the number given on the Webinar.

Go to the local Chamber of Commerce in your town to find the conventions dates coming in 2015 to set up a table for NARFE. Marilyn Componaton will go to Midwest City. James Olden will do OKC, Charles Stanphill was volunteered for Tulsa.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m. 12:55p.m. meeting resumed.

President, James Olden spoke on **Newspaper/Newsletter to Every Member**. This would be a statewide paper. The newsletter is sent out on a quarterly basis sent to members, libraries, agencies etc. contract for one year. The newspaper will send to us \$100.00 for expenses while costing member zero. This newspaper is funded by advertisers in which the new paper company will provide. They encourage pictures and articles this would be a statewide newspaper. All members present agreed this would be a great idea however we will need to speak with Nancy Stanphill and will bring this matter up at our next Federation meeting.

Election Season Grass-roots Advocacy/Activities

At 1:05p.m. Dan Jenner spoke on what's happening or not happening in Washington D. C. NARFE has from now until November to contact our lawmakers in Oklahoma. Our latest NARFE magazine show how each congress person voted.

Town Hall Meetings: Lucas, town hall meeting October 16th The Collins bldg. 2nd, 317 East Lee, in Saplupa, from 3 to 4 p.m. Yukon, at the Dale Robertson center Oct 22nd from 2:30 to 3:30; Kingfisher, 2-3 p.m. Chisholm Trail Museum on Oct 9th; Bridenstine, at the Mabee Center October 17th 6:30 p.m. ; Langford and Russell our President James Oldman will arrange a meeting; Cole, Dan will see in March; Mullins, Ron Vick and Dan Jenner will meet that representative.

NARFE PAC: \$6,787 from January 2013 to June 31, 2014 funds given in Oklahoma. The amount of \$813 from Chapter 946. Much discussion was made on how to keep the funds up.

State Legislative Officer: James Crowder had candidates come speak. Much discussion regarding how to get congress people to come speak to our groups.

District VP Reports – Status of Chapters

1:45 p.m. District 1 – Jeff Vaughan, was present gave his report of the health of his chapters.

1:50 p.m. District 2 – Ron Vick, was present gave his report of the health of his chapters.

2:00 p.m. District 3 – Jerry Walker, was present and gave his report on his chapters and workers for health fairs. Dorothy Branson offered help on getting information.

2:03 p.m. District 4 – Marilyn Componaton, was present and spoke on the state of her chapters. She asked for help on Ada and changing the name of a chapter.

2:10 p.m. District 5 – Bob Edwards, was present and gave his report only Chapter 1176 is not doing well.

2:15 p.m. Historian – Dorothy Branson was present and gave her report on keeping records and bring your Chapters photo album to the meetings. Regarding the National Convention; The FEEA the speaker did not give Oklahoma any recognition for helping FEEA get started.

2:25 p.m. **Convention observations :** (Delegates) Report to the chapters whose proxies you carried. Attend the Narfe Pac breakfast. Pay attention to what is said from the podium regarding what is going to be voted on and how that vote is to be carried out.

2:35 p.m. Review actions items, District VP's to work on upcoming health fairs. Remember the importance of Narfe Pac. And where the seminar will be held.

Next meeting will be in February.

Adjourn at 2:37 p.m.