

**The Oklahoma Federation Executive Board Meeting** was held August 21, 2015 at the Arvest Bank on 3900 N. Lincoln Blvd. in Oklahoma City, OK, 73105 and proceeded as follows:

At 10:05 a.m. Opening Prayer given by, D. Jean McBride-Samuels; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Crowder.

At 10:06 a.m. President Randy Freeland gave the opening remarks.

10:10a.m. **Secretary** minutes from May 15, 2015 and the minutes from February 20, 2015 were approved ( minutes are posted on the website and not read during the executive meetings).

At 10:15a.m. an explanation of expenses was made by Johnny Hanlon, an example expense voucher was provided.

At 10:30a.m. the **2015 Region VI Training Conference** status report was made by James Olden. Currently we are under budget when it comes to people enrolling and obtaining advertisements for the conference. A plea was made to get members to attend and send in their registration forms in soon. The deadline for advertisements and boosters sheets was extended until September 10, 2015. Much discussion was made regarding the National President's Travel and the Region VI conference expenses. The Federation voted and approved to make a full page color ad for the Region VI seminar program booklet. President Freeland will call and or e-mail the Regional 6 Vice President, Marshall Richards regarding the National President's expenses.

At 11:18a.m. **Johnny Hanlon** made his Treasurer Report and Budget for 2015-2016, copies were provided. Much discussion was made regarding the spending of federation funds and who would be attending the Region 6 Seminar. Motion to approve the 2015 report and the 2015/2016 proposed budget was approved with executive privilege given to the President to handle other matters that may occur before the next board meeting.

At 11:46a.m. discussion on the **Oklahoma Alliance on Aging and State Council on Aging** was raised by President Freeland the differences between the two entities and our interest in them. Dues have been paid every year in the past for membership, James Crowder is our representative to the Oklahoma Alliance on Aging and it was stated that the federation officer that was the states legislative representative for NARFE should always be our representative within that organization.

At 11:54a.m. we adjourned for lunch meeting and reconvened at 12:42p.m. Randy re-addressed to clarify the Region VI seminar expenses, a motion was made and passed that expenses would be reimbursed at actual expense rate.

At 12:46p.m. **Nancy Stanphill** spoke regarding our new newspaper; who was receiving the paper and how to receive one if you weren't currently getting one (Federal Senators; Congress persons and some Federal Agencies are receiving the newspaper). For those who have changed your address please send a corrected address to the NARFE National Headquarters office. Nancy encouraged us to send in articles. The new email system (NES) offered by national was discussed briefly.

At 1:00p.m. the 1st VP Report -- **Charles Stanphill** spoke on health fairs the ordering of supplies for November and remember the incentives for joining and dues withholding (DW). In September he usually gets information from Muskogee and BCBS on the location of the health fairs. Look for elevator conversation on the web site to help recruit. NARFE HQ will be giving a \$10.00 incentive for recruiting a new member. Other discussion was on how to get material to the health fair workers and possible new incentive ideas were explained by President Freeland.

At 1:12p.m. **James Crowder**, gave his State Legislation report on our state's deficits; current cuts were discussed and the condition of our state is in going forward.

At 1:19p.m. **Dan Jenner** gave his Federal Legislation report: On September 8<sup>th</sup> the lawmakers return from recess; his discussion included the rise of the debt ceiling CPI-E; [HR 3351](#) is for seniors changing the cost of living index. [S 1742](#) is a rural postal act wanting to improve the service of the post office. Both bills are favorable by NARFE. Last year we received a 1.07 increase. Some Senator wanted to take from the G fund to fund the highway bill however the final bill did not include the G funding. Our NARFE President Richard Thissen went to Capitol Hill to fight against the use of the G fund. Regarding the OPM hacking; as a result the head of OPM resigned and the second in command may resign as well. A HOUSE Oversight Committee wants to know how the breach occurred and to whom did it happen. Dan Jenner briefly mentioned Representative Cole's town hall meetings. President Freeland suggested the national NARFE website to read more on the breach. A letter from NARFE Headquarters was read thanking us for the \$1600.00 in NARFE PAC funds collected during the convention.

1:40p.m. **Health Fair Planning:** When Charles Stanphill receives the schedule he will send it to the District VPs

1:40p.m. **District 1**—Jeff Vaughan, absent.

1:41 p.m. **District 2** – Ron Vick gave a report on chapter closings. Chapter 2327 voted to transfer back in with 1017 Miami. The transfers were made as individuals. Ron asked us to remember Tom Freeman from McAlester in your prayers. Ron spoke regarding the materials he uses during health fairs i.e. flyers, magazines etc.

1:50p.m. **District 3** – Jerry Walker reported that some of his chapter's needed to close. Sapulpa and Guymon, (no man's land has only 5 or 6 members).

1:54p.m. **District 4** – Ethel Broiles reported that she was still learning what responsibilities are and how this meeting helps. She will be traveling to meet with the president of the chapters she is over. Pray for Marilyn Componation who is still ill. Will push chapters to attend the Region 6 seminar. The national and state website was discussed.

157p.m. **District 5** – Linda Resnick reported on membership and the condition of her chapters along with her intent to visit them next year. A member of the State Senate, Clark Jolly, attended a chapter meeting. The closing of chapter 1176 Capitol Hill was discussed as it is non-functioning.

2:01p.m. **Alzheimer's Report** -- Alyce Cordray-Green could not attend today. Randy reported for her that donations are "down".

2:03p.m. **Historian** -- Dorothy Branson gave a report and handed out information on what material the Historical Society will or will not accept. Ms. Malory is the person she has been working with at the society who went over changes. Copies can be made at .10cents a copy. Discussion was made on regarding Chapter 167 who was given back items that OHS no longer house. The need to make arrangement before going to the society was stressed. Record management material can be obtained from NARFE headquarters. Dorothy stated that she gives a booklet to the chapter historians at the statewide convention.

**Other Business:**

Tentatively we will not have a meeting after the Region VI seminar unless the need occurs. President Freeland will let us know.

There were no objections to continuing to hold the Executive Board meeting at this Arvest Bank location.

The NARFE Service Centers and the need for a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and a Service Officer were discussed. A plea for us to address the chapters was made to take these positions.

The need for a Special Fund to help members attend the 2017 convention was raised. President Freeland asked for us to bring specific problems up in future.

Mr. Ron Polston with Globe Life Insurance had contacted President Freeland. Suggestions were made on how Mr. Polston could purchase a table and acquire names as a vendor.

Reminders were given.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42p.m.