

MINUTES

OK Federation Executive Board Meeting

June 15, 2011, Hometown Buffet, OKC

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Stanphill at 1:20 PM. Jean Samuels opened with an invocation and Jerry Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nancy Stanphill, Federation Secretary, read the minutes of the last board meeting. They were approved as read.

The budget for this fiscal year was presented by Robert Oltmanns, Federation Treasurer. After questions, a motion by Marilyn Componation was made to accept the budget. It was seconded by Jerry and approved by the members present. A copy of the budget is included in the files.

James Olden, 1st VP, presented his report on membership. It included recruiting and retention ideas to send to chapters to try, and a list of new recruiting rewards that the Federation would finance. His report is included in this file. Jean Samuels moved to accept his proposals and Dan Jenner seconded. It was approved by the board. If a budget amendment is necessary later in the year, another budget meeting would be called.

Dan Jenner, 2nd VP, gave his report on National legislation. He pointed out that these were crucial times for Federal employees and retirees as Congress works to balance the National budget. Pensions are targeted for cuts, there is already a 2 year freeze on active pay, there has been no COLA for two years, and a large cut in the workforce is proposed. We are an easy target for these cuts and will result in a larger burden for us than for many other taxpayers. We must continue to stress the America's Heartbeat Campaign messages and encourage our members to respond.

James Crowder, 3rd VP, presented his report on State legislation. The Oklahoma legislature has budget shortfalls too. We got our tax break from the state in time before things became critical. It is unlikely that they would rescind that benefit.

Charles' report included the fact that only a small percentage of Oklahoma members are using GEMS and contacting their Congressmen through those means. He encouraged getting the message out to broaden its use.

Jean Samuels, Dist. 1 VP, says that her chapters are healthy and performing well. She and Charles met with a Coburn staffer to voice their concerns. She believes Health Fairs are one of the best ways to reach potential NARFE members, but they should become more productive. Don't just hand out materials, but encourage membership on the spot. Her report is included in the files.

Jerry Walker just became the new Dist. 3 VP. He is looking for guidance and suggestions. He appointed Dale Cassel as his assistant. He was told where to find a listing of his chapters. Charles pointed out that there would be a VP meeting shortly where ideas would be shared for chapter visitation. He wants it to be more than a social meeting. The VP must find out what is going wrong (and going right) with the chapters, and offer help where needed.

Marilyn Componation, Dist. 4 VP, has two chapters with problems she is working on. She stays in constant contact with them in order to be available for help.

Linda Agee is the new Dist. 5 VP. She is looking forward to working with her chapters. She has invitations already from two chapters in her district.

Betty Lowrey, Alzheimer's Chairman, wants to put brochures about the NARFE Alzheimer's Fund in funeral homes. She has contacted a printer about the cost of reproducing the brochures and distributing them to chapters so they can place them in their local funeral homes. She hopes that matching funds from National will be available for such a project.

Nancy Stanphill, Newsletter Editor, reported that some have asked to have their name removed from the mailing list, and would prefer to read the newsletter online only. She will publicize that idea to see if others would also want to do that.

Dan said he will still accept funds for the NARFE-PAC.

Jean closed the meeting with a prayer.

Marilyn moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed at 3:45 PM.

Nancy Stanphill

Federation Secretary