

# Vancouver Chapter 131

## General Membership Meeting

### Minutes of the October 3, 2023

**Officers attending:** President Mike Teefy, Vice-president Charlie Caughlan, Treasurer Jim Ellis, Secretary Linda Wallers.

**Members and guests attending** included Marvin Wells, Dea VanKley (new), Larry Moller, and Dave Mason.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mike introduced Charlie and the program. Charlie explained that the announced that the speaker from the Council for the Homeless was cancelled due to illness. In place of that speaker, Charlie will discuss the F-100 and the NARFE White Paper for Survivors.

Charlie asked who, among the attendees, had filled out their “Be Prepared for Life’s Events” (F-100)? He also showed a copy of the supplemental NARFE white paper, “Affairs in Order: Benefits Guidance for Survivors of Federal Annuitants.” He explained the benefit of having the F-100 document filled out, saving your survivors and heirs a lot of trouble during an already stressful time. The more complete the document is, the less they will have to hunt for. Mike suggested that we should look at the credit cards to see if they provide any kind of free and modest (\$1000.00) life insurance coverage, as some do.

Following Charlie’s presentation, Mike dived into the office reports.

**Secretary Report:** Linda passed a copy of the September minutes to the attending members for their review. She asked Mike to call for corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mike asked for a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was made by Marvin Wells and seconded by Jim Ellis. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** The chapter received \$207.64 for member dues, more than we have seen all summer, but still below the 2022 numbers. Interest on the new CD totaled \$53.18 for the July-September. Disbursements included \$53.17 for the newsletter printing and \$18.00 for speaker lunches in September. From dedicated funds, The total multi-year 10% funds were \$320.00. the Alzheimer’s Fund currently has \$87 to be sent to the Alzheimer’s Chicago office. Jim stated that it was not a big month, overall, financially.

**President’s and Legislative Reports:** Mike said he had three items to cover.

- Elections : October notice of elections will be in the newsletter for nominations of officers. November final nominations. December election of officers. January installation of officers.
- Mike briefly discussed the September 24<sup>th</sup> Walk to End Alzheimer’s, where he and Jim Ellis manned the NARFE table and handed out recruiting packages. A lot of people were there for the walk, but few came to the booth. The NARFE Ch131 Walk team has brought in \$550, so far.
- Mike said he would try to contact the local federal offices to let them know about the November Health Fair. Mike will send a letter to the federal agency district managers to ask them to pass on the info about the November Health Fair, in case anyone wants to take annual leave or administrative leave to attend. As a rule, local offices don’t provide leave to attend such events.
- Mike stated that, now that the shutdown has been postponed and there is a 45-day continuing resolution (CR) that gives everyone a bit of breathing room.

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- Mike talked briefly about the status of HR 82 that has just reached the required number of cosponsors (290+ 2) to push it to the calendar and schedule a vote. Sadly, the shutdown fiasco has interfered with the vote. Mike said that NARFE National President Bill Shackelford should be pushing for the floor vote.

### **VP, Service Officer, and Programs Reports:**

- Charlie asked for approval to purchase the projector under \$100 (cost plus tax and shipping, if necessary) that the chapter could use for video presentations at the general meetings. Mike asked the members for an “Aye” or “Nay” vote. The vote was unanimous.
- Charlie talked to Molly Hensley (BC/BS Regence) about a weekend health Fair in 2024, in addition to the chapter health fair. She said that could be done. Blue Cross/Kaiser/Aetna/GEHA will be in attendance. Julie, the American Legion facility manager said that could be arranged, but to make the reservation early.

As long as the health fair has come up, Linda talked about the ad placement. A 1/4 page was selected, needs to add 2023. The paperwork for approval had been sent to National for matching funds and came back as OK. The ad campaign will be limited to only The Senior Messenger this year. But in 2024, we probably will want a broader audience. Once we have the receipt for payment, and the ad has run, we can submit a request for reimbursement to National and to the federation for matching funds, costing the chapter nothing.

Charlie had no Service Officer or VP reports for this month.

**Membership, Webmaster, Sunshine Reports:** Linda stated that the newsletter had been posted in five areas, including the chapter website. The membership report showed that five members had renewed, and one had been dropped for non-renewal. The rest of the report was confusing due to fixes to the NARFE database.

The next general membership meeting will be on November 7 (FEHBP Health Fair).

The next executive board virtual meeting will be November 6 at 11:00 AM.

Submitted by Chapter 131 Secretary Linda Wallers