

NARFE BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2026

Vice President, Mike Madges, opened the meeting by welcoming all those in attendance to include Chapter Officers Joyce Skinner and Scott Graham, as well as Board Member Sue Garcia and Chapter member Ev Lake.

Mike asked for a Moment of Silence for those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom, as well as those currently serving around the world. He then led us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Scott Graham reported that as of January 31, 2026, we had a balance of \$1,918.76 in our account. On February 13, we received \$56.56 in dues from NARFE National, but we had no disbursements. Thus, our account balance as of Feb 28, 2026, is \$1,975.32. Scott also requested and received approval for payment of our \$100 yearly accident insurance premium for the Chapter.

Meeting Publicity – Publicist Sue Garcia briefed the group on other possible publication sources we might utilize other than the DDN (Dayton Daily News) for publishing our every-other-month Chapter Meeting announcements. Vice President Mike Madges had suggested we contact two local newspapers, the Kettering Times News and the Oakwood Register. Sue Garcia called the editors of both of the above papers to see if they would be interested in publishing an article announcing our NARFE Chapter meetings. They said they would be interested so she drafted a proposed article for our upcoming Chapter meeting on April 10 and emailed them a copy. She is awaiting confirmation from both newspapers that they will be publishing an article for us and when we can expect to see our April 10 meeting announcement published.

Update on NARFE active employee dinner meeting - President Joyce Skinner reported on activities concerning a dinner meeting for active NARFE employees, as members who are currently working full time and cannot leave their work to attend a luncheon meeting. We had discussed previously how important it is to not only retain current members, but also to gain new members as currently employed members are critical to the future and longevity of our NARFE Association. Our Chapter President, Joyce Skinner; Membership Chair, Nick Steiner; and Chapter Publicist/Secretary, Sue Garcia, volunteered to determine the place, time, date and a possible speaker for the meeting. The group will also develop a finalized draft dinner reservation document to send to potential attendees along with meeting details. The information developed will be presented to the Board for their review at the next Board meeting. The first meeting of the evening dinner team will be held Tuesday, April 7, to discuss invitations, place, time, agenda and a possible speaker. More to come on this exciting Chapter activity!

Update on Chapter 1927 Newsletter Development Process – We have identified at previous meetings those members (primary and backup) who will be involved in performing the various steps outlined in the newsletter development process. The only

step that still needed to be finalized was the most efficient and effective way to get the newsletters out to the membership. Currently the newsletters are sent out by mail. Our past President, Mike Webb, had worked with the Postal Service to set up the documentation requirements to get this accomplished by mail. Because Mike Webb had always taken care of this final step but is no longer able to continue to perform this service for the Chapter, he generously offered to show both primary Brian Normile and backup Nick Steiner, the steps involved. Brian and Nick will back brief Officers and Board members at the next Board meeting on the details as to how to accomplish this important process. We will also determine if the newsletter will continue to be mailed or if we switch to email. More information will be provided at future meetings as the process continues to be reviewed and finalized.

As always, Mike M. asked all attendees to let him know about any potential speakers and topics that would be both entertaining and useful to the membership. Mike also shared with the attendees a list of speakers and topics that the Franciscan Center at St. Leonard in Centerville had lined up for the coming year (May – November 2026). Sue Garcia volunteered to review the “Community Conversation Topics and Speakers” on the Franciscan list to see if any of these organizations and their speakers might be available to speak at one of our Chapter meetings. A report on speakers/topics available for this year’s Chapter meetings will be presented at our next Board Meeting. Mike M. also shared with us that he had contacted a magician as a possible presenter for the June meeting. The fee for the Magician, however, is problematic, but we will recontact him and see if we can arrange other presentations in Dayton and thus reduce his quoted fee to us. So more to come on our proposed Chapter speakers!

Summer Meeting Cancellation - Also discussed was whether we want to cancel our August Chapter meeting as we did last year. The reason for cancellation being that summer attendance is usually not as good, as people are out of town or have relatives coming to stay for extended periods of time during the summer months. A motion was made to cancel the August Chapter meeting, and the motion was carried by a majority of those present.

Mike M. also provided us with some insight into the possibility of changing the amount of our NARFE Chapter membership dues. Chapters can charge members what they feel is appropriate based on their Chapter’s needs and activities. Thus, there appears to be wide variation between the dues Chapters charge across the US. This topic is being worked at NARFE headquarters with the aim of reducing the options Chapter can charge and thus reduce the related administrative accounting of multiple Chapter dues amounts. Mike also mentioned that the Beaver Creek Chapter recently decided to close. Each Beaver Creek Chapter member can choose where they wish to transfer their membership. Of the first 22 responses received, 12 Beaver Creek members have requested transfer to our Chapter.

Upcoming NARFE National Conference in Indianapolis – The NARFE National Conference, FEDCon26, will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 23rd – 25th. All Chapter members are encouraged to attend! From a location perspective, driving via

private vehicle is not lengthy, and is more economical if there are multiple riders in one vehicle. More detailed information on how to register, pricing, hotel, parking fees and events and speakers can be found on the NARFE website: www.FEDCON.NARFE.org.

Please do not forget to leave a tip for our MCL servers!

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chapter Publicist/Secretary Sue Garcia