

OUR CHAPTER CONTINUES TO GROW!

As NARFE Lone Star State 2365 continues to grow (over 600 members plus National Only members assigned to our Chapter), we are very proud of what you, the members have been able to achieve through your contributions to NARFE PAC!

Part of our growth has resulted in possibly excessive funds to our treasury. Part of the funds in our treasury is from your chapter dues but another has been monies coming from merging Chapters' treasuries. Based on National by-laws, chapters that merge with Chapter 2365 transfer their treasury funds to our chapter. We the officers of Chapter 2365 have been frugal in the use of your monies. I am wondering if now is the time to discuss the following issues:

- 1) Reduction of Chapter dues from \$6.00 to some lower amount. Bear in mind that National dues are \$48.00 per year and we cannot change that amount. Also, our Chapter is required to pay \$2.00 per capita per member to the NARFE Texas Federation each year. Our cost as a chapter is to print ballots for election of officers or by-laws changes and cost for postage, envelopes, and printing labels. Also, cost for using our copier (paper and ink). So, my question to each of you, do we need a by-law change to reduce our dues and if so, to what amount?
- 2) Another issue that I am looking at is the lack of participation by members in attending the Texas Federation Conference (every two years) and where our Chapter holds its biennial meeting for installation of officers and to conduct the business of our Chapter. I understand that one reason we joined this Chapter was because we did not necessarily want to attend meetings. We, the Officers of Chapter 2365 need your input!

Please let us know your thoughts on the above items or any other concerns you may have! As a reminder if you are not able to speak to us, please leave a text at 210-834-5390 or E-mail me at s.pantoja@myyahoo.com. I guarantee that I will respond.

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