

**Oklahoma Federation Executive Board Meeting  
February 17, 2023, 10 a.m. at Canadian Valley Vo-Tech  
6505 E. US 66, El Reno, OK**

Meeting opened with prayer given by Randy Freeland and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Ron Vick.

The President asked our parliamentarian, James Olden, to speak concerning the procedures passed down to him from the past parliamentarian. Motion was made by James Gillispie to adopt a sign in sheet and that the secretary keep that sheet with the reports handed in. Karen Hackett seconded that motion and it was approved.

A motion to approve the May 31, 2022 Secretary's minutes which were posted on our web site be approved was made by Karen Hackett and Jerry Walker seconded that motion and the minutes on our website were approved.

Treasurer Report – Johnny Hanlon was absent so James Gillispie went over the report Johnny provided. Per capital dues owed were mentioned. A copy of the per capita dues was provided to the secretary, and an email copy of Johnny's report was sent to federation officers. Whether or not a CD should be purchased with some of our funds was discussed. The report will be filed for audit which will occur during the conference. Much discussion was made on E-postcards. Our President will share the E-postcard concern with our Treasurer before the conference.

Region VI Report -- Marshall Richards was absent however a report was provided via e-mail to the federation officers. The numbers 3007/12 were on the report and we did not know what they meant. The President took note to ask Marshall about it. Marshall's report reflected the downward number within the membership however national only member numbers were not separated out within the report so it was difficult to know if we were gaining in membership from that source.

Region VI Alzheimer's Report – Linda Richards was absent so we heard Gerry Winkeler the State Federation Alzheimer's Chair gave a report instead. She reported on how much money each chapter has given for 2022. Gerry also reported information which was found on the FDA web site. It referred to a new drug in pill form to help sufferers. She had us read out loud the Ten warning signs for Alzheimer's. Memory cards were discussed and the difficulty of giving to Alzheimer's on behalf of another person. President Gillispie will contact Linda Richards for Karen Hackett regarding the additional information needed in order to give a contribution to the organization. There is some confusion that the form asked a lot of information about the deceased that member would not normally by known.

Vice Presidents Report – Pam (1<sup>st</sup>); many options were offered about how to get people to our meeting. How to get contact information for the chapters once a person retires was discussed. Suggestions were : 1.) Newspapers advertise our meetings 2) Send information to government offices, 3) Links to Facebook and other media outlets, 4) provide talks about NARFE to, 5) place ads on organization bulletin boards and confirm the information is accurate.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidents Report: Carolyn Harris was absent there was no report. She will be stepping down.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President Report: George Wiland was absent there was a funeral in his family. No report was given.

District V.P. Reports:

District 1V.P. Elizabeth Inman, was absent and no report was given.

District 2V.P. Ron Vick reported on the three chapters within his district. Chapter 1017, Tri County in Miami closed on December 20,2022 and all members are transferring to Chapter 1787, Mayes Co., Pryor OK. Ron discussed the need for chapters to send reps to the offices of their Congress person. He made a plea to call your representatives. Ron also provided a switchboard telephone: 866-220-0044 to contact congress.

District 4 V.P Kenneth Dungan reported that some of his chapter president were difficult to contact. He noted that their numbers are not working numbers. He mentioned using the newsletter of his chapter and email to contact members. He also mentioned that they have meals at some of their meeting places.

District 5 V.P. Karen Hackett reports that chapter 184 is struggling. They have reduced the frequency of meetings and now meeting four times per year. There is a shared leadership of those meetings. James Olden helped this chapter work things out so they could continue. Eastern Oklahoma county has hot lunch at a university food court for \$12.00.

#### Other Reports:

Randy Freeland – Gave a report on health care insurance; only six (6) health fairs were held in 2022. In past years the numbers were about 40-50 places or opportunities for NARFE to try to recruit members. Our incentive of \$48. for joining NARFE has given some success. Health fair have proven to be the best introduction method. FED-hub is another good resource. Remember to apply for the BCBS reimbursement if you have Medicare part B. Issues with some hospitals and BCBS was discussed. He also noted OPM will allow a one-time life event where you can change your insurance. Deadline for e-postcard filing is May 15<sup>th</sup>. The new expense rates were given and a motion by Karen Hackett and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela Burnett was offered to use the current rates for travel expenses. It was mentioned that in the past, for state conferences, since it is a mandatory meeting the hotel cost has been paid in total. The motion passed.

Nancy Stanphill – Editor/Webmaster/Web Coordinator-was absent. The President gave her report that there will be no newspaper mailed out this quarter however it will be online. Also, the deadline for articles for the next newspaper is March the 10<sup>th</sup>. New travel vouchers are posted and there is a link to the IRS E-postcard on the site.

Gerry Winkeler – Alzheimer's report was given in Linda Richards' spot.

JoAnn Dungan – Historian. Needs chapters to send in a form regarding their meeting. It was mentioned that we use to receive those forms to fill out in the mail before each convention. Note: this form is available on the State NARFE Website.

Willa Olden, Oklahoma NARFE Federation representative to the Council on Aging provided her report. Mistreatment of the aged (often provided by family members and care givers) was discussed. Willa discussed items that would indicate abuse. Look for their behavior to change, physical signs, environmental signs, bed bugs, and financial abuse by Care givers not related to the person. A web address was given to ask for help regarding abuse it is: Telephone abuse is not okay.org. Cathy Wood's telephone number is: 580-521-5807. This number is good for help all over the State of Oklahoma. Monitoring equipment is available to help from the State of Oklahoma. How to get those things was discussed. Willa noted that Feb 27, is Senior Day at the capitol to meet with your legislator. Ombudsmen work was mentioned. No report was handed in to the Secretary.

Break for lunch. At 12:00p.m. and resumed at 1:02p.m.

State Conference was discussed in detail by District 3 V.P. Jerry and Wanda Walker. The conference will be in the banquet room. Lunch on Thursday will be in the cafeteria. Water, tea, or coffee provided; other drinks will cost. Marilyn Arnold, will cater the dinner at this facility. A buffet meal with servers will be provided in the center of the hall.

One speaker, Jay Seagal, Oklahoma Rep. for Yukon Area is scheduled to address the Conference. Another speaker, Superintendent for School for the Yukon area will provide the opening welcome speech or the mayor, is also a possibility. The color guard has been requested to attend. Printing for 60 books will cost over 300 dollars.

Entertainment will be country and western music. Two men were mentioned to play music. Georgia Griggs is the treasurer for the Conference. Various credit unions have been notified but help with advertisers was discussed and a need to get help from our national office was discussed (affinity partners). Kim with BCBS has been contacted to provide a hospitality break. A national speaker has been requested but at the time of the meeting we did not know who that would be or if the presentation would be in person or via ZOOM. Seed money was never requested from

the federation for this conference. AV - microphones and three screens will be provided by the facility. Vendor tables, break out rooms, mobile NARFE, and silent auctions will be inside the banquet room. The space was freely provided because they are residents of that area. The agenda is not complete. Wanda and James will work together on to get this completed.

It was suggested that the Alzheimer's – baskets have a starting price of \$25.00. A quilt was donated by Wanda's church. Wanda will type up a draft program schedule. It was suggested that she seek assistance from the Muskogee Chapter and Nancy Stanphill. Ads will be put in book by Rosalind Finch. Door prizes are still being worked on. WIFI is available at this location. How to access it will be provided within the program book. Many members had the last conferences book as a guide. Wanda needs a template from Nancy. Dinner will be served 30 minutes after meeting on Thursday. Rod Sheaffer will be the Master of Ceremonies. Booster sheets were sent out. National websites show that several chapters that do not have a president.

Placement of forms for the Conference on the Oklahoma website was also discussed. The newspaper will be posted on the Oklahoma NARFE website. March 10th is the deadline for articles for the newspaper.

The different hotels in the area were discussed, with the Avid being the newest. Jim Henley is serving as Chair of the Nominations Committee. He will provide information on nominees to President Gillispie who will send email notifications and also provide Nancy Stanphill for posting on the State Website. Larry Barnett will chair the Ballot Committee. There was much discussion on the process and timing on how this should happen. President Gillispie has listed the order of events on the ballot form and it reads as follows:

Due to several considerations including One Member, One Vote, our elections will follow the process we used in 2021. In previous years, officers were elected at our Annual or Biennial Conventions. As a candidate list is not fully completed, please use this document to vote your choice **once** candidates are announced. Nominating forms must be received by Jim Henley NLT 3/30/23. By April 1, 2023, Oklahoma Federation President, James Gillispie, will send an email to all Oklahoma Members that have an email address on file with NARFE. It will list the candidates. Also, the ballot will be placed on the Oklahoma Website at [www.narfe.org/site/ok](http://www.narfe.org/site/ok) no later than April 1, 2023. And if you don't do computers, call any Federation Officer for the list. The election will culminate on April 27, 2023 at the State Biennial Conference. Those attending may vote there.

Liability insurance for the conference is covered by the federation. The Chaplin will be from Wanda's church. He will be with us twice on Thursday and once on Friday. Buck Lawson will be the photographer. Nancy will give us the list of people to put on the memorial. Claudia has the memorial boards from last conference. Name badges will be handled by Rod. There were 69 badges at the Muskogee conference. Late fee is after March 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 for registration.

Service Officer – is being referred to George Wiland at this time.  
A regular board meeting will be held immediately following the conference.

Motion to adjourned by Jerry Walker. Wanda seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting ended at 2:33p.m.

Visitors attending the board meeting were: Georgia Griggs, Rosalind Finch, Melba Gillispie, and Willa Olden.

Signed: D. Jean McBride, Secretary