

## MINUTES:

The Oklahoma Federation Executive Board Meeting was held on May 31, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bancfirst, building on 1111 N. Lincoln Blvd, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

At 9:53 a.m. meeting was called to order was made by President James Gillispie. The opening prayer was given by Randy Freeland and the Pledge of Allegiance by Ron Vick.

James Gillispie gave us his changes in the agenda and discussed who and why many of our members were unable to attend this meeting. He also urged us to contact representative regarding the GPO/WEP bill, membership incentives and the state conference were discussed. Stephanie Bice, Rep. for District 2 was mentioned as a possible speaker for the chapters in that region.

We were reminded that the process for voting was in the NARFE magazine. Jerry and Wanda agreed to host the 2023 conference. Membership nation-wide from 2019 until now has a loss of almost thirty thousand members and Oklahoma has dropped membership by 20%. Pam Burnett will be attending the President conference for James Gillispie as he is not able to attend that event.

At 10:15 a.m. a motion was made by Randy Freeland and seconded by Karen Hackett approving the Secretary Minutes for the conference and the executive meeting from August 26, 2021. Minutes have been posted on our NARFE website for several months. Motion was approved

10:19 a.m. the Past President's Report was given by Randy Freeland; membership incentives were discussed. After a suggestion by Wanda Walker that we pay one year of a two-year membership for New Active Employees Members, Randy asked if he could research that and get back with a suggestion that James Gillispie could forward out to the members of the Executive Board. He also suggested that the first three (3) incentive items remain the same, also that the date be changed for these incentives to June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. Karen Hackett 2nd that motion and it was approved.

Randy motioned that we approve the PD rates, mileage, etc. rates sent to us via e-mail by Nancy Stanphill. Karen Hackett 2nd the motion and it was approved.

Randy also reminded members to submit claims to receive reimbursement from BCBS and other insurance companies that may offer money for being enrolled in Medicare, part B.

Board members were reminded to file your chapter's income tax postcard and health fairs may be coming back and attending those HR meeting at the beginning of open season for changing health care plans can be helpful.

10:30 a.m. – Region VI Updates by Marshall Richards were presented by President Gillispie in Marshall's absence. How to vote during the upcoming election was discussed. Marshall will be our candidate for region 6. There will be a NEB zoom meeting on June 14th, 15th and 16th. Charles Stanphill has agreed to serve on the Legislative agenda committee. In Scottsdale AZ the discussion will be made with regard to National Executive Director position.

11:00 a.m. - Region VI Alzheimer's Report – Linda Richards report was also presented by our president in her absence. Linda mentioned that the amount of \$184,272.27 has been donated nation-wide this year.

11:04 a.m. – Fed-HUB a centralized location for sharing information between members was discussed. It is becoming easier to use. Once you sign up you get emails frequently.

11:05a.m. Nancy, Gerry, and Johnny's report were handed out for us to read.

At 11:05 p.m.-Oklahoma NARFE News Update - Nancy Stanphill had nothing new to report a reminder that articles are due by Friday June 10, 2022.

Activities in Districts:

District 1 – Elizabeth Inman was absent with no report.

District 2 – Ron Vick -report on the changes within his chapters. A CSA number is needed for dues withholding. The EIN number for the chapter can be found on their reports. Muskogee was able to get their EIN number back. Host chapters for the 2021 Conference (Muskogee and Okmulgee/Okfuskee) split the profits (\$3,800) from the conference. The food cost from local businesses in Muskogee helped them help keep cost down.

At 11:13 a.m. District 3 Jerry Walker reported on their chapters. Most chapters are not meeting and those that are, often need to find a new place to meet.

11:28 a.m. The Treasurer Report was discussed in Johnny Hanlon's absence. It was noticed that two chapters did not pay their per capita dues, Mid-west city chapter 946 and 1621, Pryor. The vice presidents of those districts will follow up with the chapter president or treasurers to try and get those funds to the federation. Randy will follow up on why we did not pay for liability insurance which was \$100.00 last year. This report will be filed for audit.

11:30 a.m. - Membership Report, 1st VP – Pam Burnett report membership at 1982 members for both chapter and national members. A presence on Facebook was suggested. Many other suggestions were given on how to reach the retirees.

11:45 a.m. - Federal Legislation Report, 2nd VP – Carolyn Harris was absent and still needs to be with her husband this position is still open.

12:15 p.m. – State Legislation Report, 3rd VP – George Wiland was absent because of illness. No report given. The Governor has called a special session.

Break for lunch – On site - reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

District 4 Kenneth Dungan reported on his chapters at 1:04 p.m. He has a chapter member that is 108 years young.

District 5 – Karen Hackett had no written report however she reported on the health of all her chapters and where they are now meeting. She called 1621, president regarding the non-payment of per-capita dues and 946 is having trouble meeting. Churches are proving to be a great place to meet.

Alzheimer's Report – Gerry Winkeler was absent but submitted a report to the President for us stating the amounts given from December 2021 to April 2022 in the amount of \$643.05 for Alzheimer's.

Willa Olden is currently serving for NARFE on the State Council for the Aging. James Gillispie said he would contact and request that she write an article for the newspaper. .

1:15p.m. Service Officer's Report since the position is currently vacant President has asked George Wiland to assist survivors following the passing of a member. Pam Burnett said that she would help with those duties as well.

Historian -- JoAnn Dungan -gave her report

The cost for going to the conference in Scottsdale, AZ was discussed. Randy Freeland, motioned that all of Pam's expenses for going in the President's place be covered in full, Karen Hackett 2nd the motion and that motion was approved. Up to (3) three members of the executive board may attend. It was motioned that a cap for covering their expenses is \$1,000. Karen Hackett motion, Randy Freeland seconded and the motion and it was approved by the board.

At 1:30 p.m. the 2023 State Conference was discussed. Dates for the conference will be April 27 and 28th, Thursday and Friday. At this time the committee is planning on an attendance of 75 people. The exact location of the Conference will be determined later but will be in the El Reno and Yukon area. Our next executive meeting is to be at the 2023 conference site at a time and date yet to be announced. Time saving measures and how to get ads for the booklet were discussed. The committee for that conference has not been formed yet but it was discussed that they can start at any time now. Nancy Stanphill will put this news in our newspaper. Many members are eager to get started. It was noted that the gift baskets from each chapter was a real 'hit' and that is planned for 2023, also. There will be a silent auction and attendees are encouraged to bring something to place on tables for this fund raising activity for Alzheimer's.

Next Meeting Location/Lunch, etc: Next board meeting to be determined at the site of conference.

Setting for tentative budget amounts from Johnnie will be voted on via email. A possible redistricting of chapters was discussed and found not to be an issue for NARFE at this time. Membership and how to reach out to e-NARFE was discussed.

At 2:14 p.m. Karen Hackett moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Pam Burnett, all members agreed, and the meeting was adjourned.