

NARFE San Antonio Chapter 1594 Meeting



MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2017

12:30 P.M. BROOKHILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 631
UTOPIA AVE, SAN ANTONIO, TX

MEETING CALLED BY	Joyce Zerr, President
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly
NOTE TAKER	Shirley Click, Secretary
INVOCATION/CLOSING PRAYER	Elevia Gant
PLEDGE	Abel Hernandez
ATTENDEES	22 members were in attendance. President Zerr welcomed new member Daniel Rossman (not present) and guests Dorothy Creswell (District 12 Representative) and Dr. John Creswell (TFC South Texas Area Vice President)..

Discussion:

President Zerr announced the March birthdays.

Membership: Membership Chair Connie Bedock reported there are 148 voting members and 23 nonvoting members. San Antonio Chapter has three free memberships. One free membership has been given and two are available.

Speakers: District 12 Representative Dorothy Creswell spoke on the upcoming NARFE State Convention to be held May 3-6 in Austin, TX. The name of our delegate should be given to State Secretary. Representative Creswell gave a rundown of the events to be held at the convention. Vast changes are coming to NARFE. TFC South Texas area VP, Dr. John Creswell, spoke on his being a candidate for TFC President. He spoke of getting together for District meetings once every two years instead of every year, of webinars and protecting our benefits.

Items for TFC State Convention: Chapter members discussed putting a chapter ad, cost of the ad in the State Convention program book, and funding chapter registration. Sandy Vogel made a motion to pay for a \$75.00 ad, seconded by Elevia Gant. Motion carried. Connie Bedock made a motion for the chapter to pay two \$80.00 registration fees, seconded by Margarita Hernandez. Motion carried.

Chapter Reports:

Secretary: Shirley Click distributed copies of the January meeting minutes. Sandy Vogel made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Abel Hernandez

Treasurer's Report: Margarita Hernandez reported the following – Savings: \$2,724.95. Checking: \$887.31 for a total balance of \$3,612.26. Elevia Gant made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Stella Flores. Motion carried.

Legislative: No report.

Service Officer: Sandy Vogel reminded members of OPM Website – servicesonline.opm.gov. You will need your CSA number. The phone number for OPM is 1-888-767-6738, hours are 7:40 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST.

PAC: PAC Chairman David Cuellar explained PAC funds – NARFE PAC helps elect senators and representatives who are sympathetic to the concern of federal employees and retirees and who support fair and equitable federal retirement programs.

NARFE District 12 and 15 Convention Report: President Zerr reported on the convention hosted by San Antonio Chapter 1594 at which 40 members and four guests were in attendance. Nineteen members from our chapter, 1594 attended. Speakers were Texas Federation of Chapters (TFC) President Phillip Kraus, TFC South Texas Area Vice President Dr. John Creswell, TFC Editor Sandy Vogel, District 12 Representative Dorothy Creswell, District 15 Representative Al Prewitt, TFC Alzheimer's Coordinator Betty Niven, and TFC Secretary Fran Heiner. Shirley Click, Abel Hernandez, Margarita Hernandez, Stella Flores and Lupe Flores were presented Certificates of Appreciation for their dedication to NARFE. Chapters attending were: San Antonio Chapter 1594, Boerne Chapter 0778, Fredericksburg Chapter 2111, New Braunfels Chapter 0672, Austin Chapter 0228 and Lone Star Chapter 2354. A raffle was held for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund. A total of \$567 was collected. Chapter 1594 members donated \$149 for this fund. Chapter 1594 was praised for hosting the convention, decorations and the catered meal from Grady's BBQ. Connie Bedock passed out thank you cards to members for their help with the convention.

President Zerr presented Connie Bedock a Certificate of Appreciation for her excellent service and dedication to San Antonio Chapter 1594 and to NARFE.

Upcoming Events: NARFE State Convention May 3-6, 2017, Austin, Texas.

Delegates for State Convention: Sandy Vogel made a motion Joyce Zerr, Sandy Vogel and Shirley Click be delegates at the state convention, seconded by Connie Bedock. Motion carried. Need to pick a voting representative.

The 50/50 drawing was held and funds won by Theresa Sanchez were donated to the chapter. Door prizes were given.

Closing prayer was given by Chaplain Elevia Gant.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

SHIRLEY CLICK
Secretary, Chapter 1594