

# **MINUTES OF FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**OCTOBER 12, 2010**

## **HOMETOWN BUFFET, OK CITY**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Charles Stanphill. Jerry Hatfield gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jerry then gave a short "Good-bye" message since this will be his last meeting with us as Region VI Vice President. Dorothy Branson presented to him a collection of memorabilia attractively attached to a presentation board. He was thanked for his many years of service to Region VI. His report is included in the records.

The agenda and attendance list is included in the records.

Nancy Stanphill, Secretary, read the minutes of the last board meeting from April, 2010 and they were approved.

Ron Cannefax, Convention 2011 Chairman, presented a report of plans as they are progressing. He asked for help on the address list for the chapters. The secretary can provide this information. His report is included in the records.

Charles stated that more board officers attended the recent National Convention than we had anticipated. He suggested we increase the budgeted amount for convention expenses by \$3,200 in order to pay the additional officers for their attendance. Dorothy Branson moved to accept this increase. It was passed.

Charles also reported that Jack Johnson, Newsletter Editor, has now officially resigned due to poor health. Jack suggested we use Hooper Printing and University Pre-Sort Mailing Service in Norman, OK for a permanent solution to our newsletter publishing. Charles has been in contact with both of these services and found that we can use these vendors for a reasonable fee. We are using them this month on a trial basis.

Dale Cassel, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP National Legislation, spoke about continued efforts by National on legislation which could repeal GPO/WEF as well as protect our existing benefits. He said NARFE-PAC collections were successful nationally and Oklahoma did well. Four Oklahoma Legislators requested funds, but, as far as we know, none received the funds.

Dorothy Cassel, Service Officer, spoke about the first Service Officer Seminar at the National Convention this year and how helpful it was. She said that some chapters in OK do not have Service Officers and, therefore, do not receive the information they need. She suggested additional training might help some be willing to take on this position in their chapters.

Johnny Hanlon, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership, has met with several chapters lately. One chapter, 1918 in Antlers, was merged with the Statewide Chapter due to lack of interest from members to man their officer positions. He finds that many chapters are not doing a good job of working their M-112 each month. As a result, we are losing membership that could perhaps be saved if they were contacted. He stated that Agency Health Fairs are in place for this year, and this is our best opportunity for recruiting. National will not send out welcome packets this year, but have a handout which can be downloaded and printed from the website to use instead. There are also two good posters which can be downloaded and enlarged for display at the Fairs. His report is included in the records.

James Crowder, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP State Legislation, encouraged study on the record number of 11 State Questions on the ballot this November. He has written about them in his last Newsletter article and will include the delegates running for State office in his next article.

Nancy Stanphill, Secretary, stated that training is an important issue to consider in order to have good chapter officers. Training is offered at the State Conventions, but many do not attend. She suggested that we compile a simplified listing of what each officer is to do and when to do it, especially with the filing of reports. All too often, good people accept positions in the chapter and do not receive information from the past officer about what to do to accomplish their duties. She asked for help with the

content of this listing. She will compile it, place it on the State website, and send to each chapter. Visiting District VP's should address these issues with each chapter and help where necessary.

A lunch break was taken at this time.

After lunch, Nancy continued with her report. She stated that at the National Convention, the issue of the F-7's was considered. Some delegates wanted to see the old F-7 reinstated instead of the new simplified version now filed with National. They said that the new F-7 does not give enough information to the Federations. However, in the end, it was decided to keep the new F-7 and ask all Federations to use the M-111 report for their contact information. Nancy asked if each officer here would be comfortable using the online reports from National and from the State website, and not ask our chapters to file the old paper F-7 with us as they have been doing. This would greatly simplify the F-7 reporting for each chapter. All agreed they would use the M-111 for names and addresses of officers, and the State website for time and location of chapter meetings.

Bob Oltmanns, Treasurer, spoke about convention and officer expenses. We continue to run a budget deficit as we have for some time. This will need to be addressed at the next budget meeting. His report is included.

Jean Samuels, Dist. I VP, has recently attended recruiting events, and attended the National Convention, serving as a Sergeant at Arms. She is now preparing for the Agency Health Fairs. She has materials ready and also has a data base of 120 contact names for possible recruiting. Her report is included.

Roy Hicks, Dist. II VP, has visited many of his chapters. He is continually concerned about the numbers that are dropping from NARFE and feels the National dues increase will be even worse for our numbers. His report is included.

Harold Moore, Dist. III VP, has visited with some of his chapters in person and others by phone. He had health issues over the summer and needed to discontinue activity for a while. His report is included.

James Olden, Dist. V VP, has visited all of his chapters. Most are doing well, but Ch. 1176 is on life support and Ch. 1722 has lost their meeting place. He will continue to check with these chapters about their issues. James' report is included.

Dorothy Branson, Historian, is collecting material for the 2010 book. She helps chapters with information for their anniversaries. Chapters have asked how long to keep information and records. She reported that National suggests keeping everything for at least three years. She also suggests using co-officers where chapters are having trouble filling a vacancy. Her report is included.

Betty Lowrey, Alzheimer's Chairman, stated that collections for Alzheimer's is down Nationally from last year, but it looks good for the goal of 9 million dollars by NARFE's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. She writes notes to the family where donations are given in memory of a loved one. Her report is included.

Nancy Watson, Spousal Recruiter, goes with Marilyn on recruiting opportunities. They are working with the Unions at Tinker to help get NARFE's message to workers.

Charles stated in summary, that all must vote in November. This is probably the most important election in a while. He thanked James for his summary of issues and candidates in his articles.

James Crowder moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed at 2:20 PM.

Nancy Stanphill

Secretary