



Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters
Regular Session 59th Kansas Federation Convention
Holiday Inn & Suites Overland Park KAS
Tuesday, April 30, 2013

With President Cindy Renee` Blythe presiding, the convention reconvened at 8:30 a.m. in the Kansas Ballroom of the Holiday Inn & Suites, Overland Park Kansas.

Invocation was given by Federation Chaplain, Judy Etter, Chapter 0621, Leavenworth.

2nd Vice-President Don Erickson led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Final Credentials Report – Louise Lloyd, Chair

<i>Area</i>	<i>DAL</i>	<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternate Delegates</i>	<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Guests</i>
1	8	26	0	1	0	2
1A	6	9	0	0	1	0
2	3	8	1	2	2	0
2A	2	5	1	1	0	0
3	9	16	0	0	0	0
4	6	9	0	1	0	2
5	1	1	1	3	0	1
6	1	2	1	3	0	1
Totals	36	76	4	11	3	6
Total Attendance	126					
Total Proxies	11 proxies turned in to registration					
Total Chapters Attending	29 chapters had delegates attending 11 proxies Total: 40 chapters out of 45 chapters represented					

Louise Lloyd, Credentials Chair, moved that the Final Credentials Report be accepted, motion seconded by Gary Townson. Motion passed unanimously by the voting delegates via voting card.

Door Prize Drawings were held with 11 prizes given out.

Committee Reports

NARFE- PAC Report – Don Cooper, Chair

The amount of NARFE-PAC contributions collected at the convention \$2,095.00 and \$510.00 was collected before the convention. Don Cooper reported that NARFE-PAC Contributions for Kansas was \$2,095.00.

Broken down convention donations were:

There were 68 contributors making total donations of \$2,095.00.

Plus 1 Sustainer of monthly credit card contribution to NARFE-PAC at \$10.00 per month.

The 68 contributors were as follows: 9 \$50 or more, Silver Level
5 \$100 or more, Gold Level

Alzheimer’s Report – Janice Neuschafer, Chair

The Alzheimer’s Committee met Sunday afternoon with 24 members in attendance. Discussion was held on 2012 fundraising results. In 2012, the Kansas Federation contribution goal was \$5.50 per member. After some discussion our committee felt it was best to leave the Kansas Federation goal for 2013 at \$5.50 per member.

Copies of handouts for fundraisers were available.

After an open forum the meeting was adjourned.

Preliminary Alzheimer's Research auction contribution results as of last night:

Live Auction \$2,183.00 (Last year we collected \$3,400.00) - \$1,217.00

Silent Auction \$2,821.00 (Last year we collected \$2,822.00) -\$1.00

Total Auction \$5,004.00 (Last year we collected \$6,222.00) -\$1,218.00

Thanks to all who bid on auction items. Last year we had about 350 auction items. This year we had about 352 auction items. Thanks to you and your chapter members, you've made this fundraising event very successful.

I would like to acknowledge with a “Certificate of Merit” chapters who met, or exceeded, the 2012 Federation goal of \$5.50:

Chapter #	Name	Contribution per member	Chapter #	Name	Contribution per member
2291	Colby	5.58	0792	Fort Scott	5.59
0757	Cowley County, Winfield	5.91	2099	Osage City	6.90
0366	Kaw-Blue Manhattan	7.41	0027	Buffalo Bill Leavenworth	7.51
2136	Doniphan Co Wathena	7.69	2215	Jackson Co Holton	7.86
0384	Emporia	7.86	0799	Chanute	8.37
1794	Heart of America McPherson	10.12	2231	Jefferson Co Valley Falls	10.46
2098	Tri-River Miami Co Osawatomie	10.60	0383	Old Trooper Junction City	13.19
0621	Amelia Earhart Atchison	20.87	1948	Nemaha Co	21.24
0280	Salina	23.23	2032	Oakley	27.11
2053	Oberlin	33.863			

Other Kansas Federation awards presented for special recognition are:

1. Salina , Chapter 0280: Highest Value Auction Items for 2013 convention totaling \$1,752.50

2. Chanute, Chapter 0799, LaDica Dixon for 28 years of Service (1985-2012) working for Alzheimer's Research.
3. Carol Shippy; 2013 Live Auction Auctioneer: For volunteering her auctioneering services to the live auction.

Awards from National Headquarters are awarded to:

1. Chapter 2053 Members, Oberlin, for the highest \$/per member contributions for 2012 of \$33.86.
2. Chapter 0383 Members, Old Trooper, Junction City, for the highest total dollars contribution in 2012 of \$2,994.00

Janice Neuschafer moved to accept the report, second by Pat Daly. Motion passed unanimously by the voting delegates via voting card vote.

Membership Report – Judy Etter/Lorene Mumm

Approximately 25 members attended the membership training, five were actual membership chairpersons. The best suggestion was to have personal contact with co-workers/former co-workers. Write a letter to former co-workers. Get into small group meetings like some government agencies have. Attend health fairs.

Some chapters have a membership committee that reviews the M-112 for second renewals. They call individuals and ask why they dropped their membership or sent a letter to ask them.

Having meetings with good food, brevity helps in getting members to attend. Some chapters order extra magazines and place them in libraries, doctor's offices, and dentist office waiting rooms. Some just talk to prospective members. Three handouts were included a NARFE business brief with a contact number on the front and comment about benefits on the back, an article containing an elevator speech and parts of two articles - Recruiter's Journal and Recruitment Tips.

We all agreed that membership is everyone's job.

Moved by Judy Etter and seconded by Ron Richey to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously by the voting delegates via voting card vote.

The Executive Board Policy states that two categories of awards should be given each year. The first certificate is to chapters that have a 3% increase in membership in the current year. The second certificate is to an individual who recruits 5 members during the year.

There are 5 chapters that have increased membership of at least three percent. They are:

- 2099 Osage City at 3.3%
- 1763 Independence at 5%
- 1873 Dodge City at 5.4%
- 378 Free State Lawrence at 6%
- 0621 Atchison at 7.4%
- 2291 Colby at 9%

The top recruiter this year was Elizabeth Scribner, Chapter 0378, who recruited 7 new members.

Service Officer - Harold L Klaege.

I made two trips to the Dodge City chapter to talk to prospective members concerning retirement benefits.

I developed a Service Officer resource CD and sent it to the chapter Service Officers and provided two articles for the Federation newsletter.

The training session has 10 attendees - Every chapter Service Officer should have the F-100 and the new Service Officer Handbook. Emphasis should be placed on all members getting the F-100 and filing it in a secure location for their heirs.

Harold moved that the report be approved as presented; motion was seconded by Sheryl Gulley. Motion passed unanimously by the voting delegates via voice vote of "Aye".

Convention took a break from 9:20 to 9:35am.

Time and Place Report – Ron Katt, Chair

Six (6) appointed members attended the Time and Place committee meeting.

Chapter 0366, Manhattan, will host the 2014 Convention, which was approved at the 2012 Convention. The convention will be held at the Clarion Hotel, April 27-29, 2014.

One invitation bid, Topeka Chapter 002, requesting to host the 2015 convention was received. Topeka site location was the downtown Ramada Inn. Site location meets the convention facility requirements as Federation conventions were previously held at these locations in 2010.

Moved to approve Topeka Chapter 0002 to host the 2015 Federation Convention by Ron Katt, second by Linda Ourada - motion approved unanimously.

No bids have been received to host the 2016 or future years.

John Roberts (newly elected 2nd Vice-President and Chapter President from the Manhattan Chapter 0366, presented an invitation to come to Manhattan for the 2014 Kansas Federation Convention at the Sheridan Hotel April 27th -29th 2014.

Closing Remarks – Elizabeth Bornman thanked all those in her chapter who had helped with the convention. She thanked all for attending and requested that all fill out their survey. This is what we use for future conventions to improve service to our membership. She also reminded everyone to please turn in their name tags, evaluation forms, and also their program booklets, if they didn't want those.

President Blythe thanked the host chapter for all their efforts hosting a very successful convention and also reminded everyone to complete the evaluation forms.

Convention Closed – President Blythe adjourned the convention at 9:47AM. The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gwendolyn Ketter

Secretary, Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters

Reports not Presented during the Convention

Lorene Mumm, Convention Liaison Secretary and Membership Co-Chair

For the 59th annual convention, I began assembling the convention packets for the chapter secretaries on December 17, 2012, and mailed the packets on December 28, 2012. I began assembling the packets for the chapter presidents, federation board members and past presidents on January 2, 2013, and those packets were mailed on January 9, 2013.

On April 1, 2013, I began reviewing the delegate lists that were returned to me by the chapters and made an alphabetical spreadsheet of the chapter members attending convention. My list was checked against the Shawnee Mission chapter's spreadsheet of chapter members who had sent in their registration.

During the month of April I sent letters to members of the Nominating Committee [officer candidate meeting], the Alzheimer's Committee, the Bylaws and General Resolutions Committee, the Convention Rules Committee, the Membership Committee and the Service Officer Training Committee. These letters provided details regarding time and place for committee meetings.

I completed the delegate credential book and the memorial listing book.

Membership Co-Chair: In March I contacted two newspapers, the Ft. Leavenworth Lamp and the Ft. Riley Post, to place advertisements in both papers. The advertisements began in March and will run once per month through December 2013. In the October Federation meeting, the board voted to run the advertisements for 12 months. However, by the time we received matching funds from NARFE headquarters the cost of the advertising increased so we were only able to purchase 10 months of advertising.

I prepared some handouts for the membership committee meeting.

NARFE NET/Historian Report - Jim Dodd

The Kansas NET e-mail list I handed out contains only the s-mail names that were valid on the Kansa list the last time I sent out a net message. This list contains 342 of the 641 names on the list. The balance of the 299 names was returned as not valid.

NARFE members should be encouraged to go to the NARFE.org web site and update their e-mail addresses so they will get the NARFE HQ hotline messages and other information.

As part of the federation historical records, there are now more than 50 Federation newsletters and 350 chapter newsletter on the web site.