



NARFE Chapter 0002, Topeka, KS

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION



Meetings at Aldersgate Village in Wesley Hall

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MAY 2017

From President Jim Miller's Desk snyderfan89@cox.net 478-0651

Just concluded a very busy Chapter Executive Committee meeting and covered a lot of "territory." The NARFE Federation State Convention by all accounts was successful, as were the Alzheimer's Research Live and Silent Auctions, with special thanks to Chapter 0002 providers and bidders. Bill Kastens' generous bids for chocolate covered peanuts were certainly missed so thanks for the memories Bill.

Gwen Ketter, Secretary reported that three locations for the 2018 state convention have extended interest or invitations and as the Federation Board will again handle convention duties, depending on location, will decide on the best available site.

Ron Miller, Treasurer reported we are still solvent, even after paying registration expenses for our delegates.

Sharon Rosenow, First Vice President received accolades from the committee for her smooth handling of our last chapter meeting. I was in no shape to attend and all reports were she did a fine piece of work. She is also examining our chapter e-mails and communications for improvements.

Richard Wike, Second Vice President and Programs Chairman announced that our programs for May, June and July are set. August is traditionally our informal indoor picnic.

Ron Richey, chapter Legislative Chairman and Membership is rapidly picking up on the many responsibilities of a Membership Chairman and hoping the KS Legislature doesn't go longer than necessary, giving him a little breathing room!

Ron and Joanne Miller, co-editors gave the deadline for articles, and were thanked for the tasty items contributed to the Silent Auction.

Sue Wike, Chapter Alzheimers Chair stated that June 10 is the date for the Topeka Alzheimers Walk. She is recruiting (I hope my foot surgery has healed by then ?) and accepting checks/donations from those who will be unable to walk. She briefly discussed plans for a NARFE Alzheimer's Research mailing to go out in early July to be sent to ALL chapter members and the items required for same.

NEW BUSINESS - rewrite chapter by-laws to be in conformance with National NARFE Headquarters.

All in all, a very full agenda handled well by your highly capable officers, with more to come. It will not be a vacation filled summer! I hope to see you, standing on two feet, at the chapter meeting, May 26!

From Legislative & Membership Chair, Ron Richey ronaldgrich@aol.com 234-4172

The US Congress extended funding of the government through September 30, 2017.

The Kansas Legislature resumed on May 1, 2017, and I keep monitoring the Kansas House and the Senate to see if they introduce a bill to tax our retirement. Should they present a bill to place taxes on our retirement income I will send out e-mails. You can listen to the legislature and read about the bills at: <http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>. **We are in need of more volunteers to help monitor the activities of the Kansas Legislature AND someone to help monitor the activities of NARFE PAC – in our chapter.**

In April: we welcomed 1 new member, while 2 members dropped their membership.

National Day of Prayer was at Topeka Capitol on the first floor rotunda on May 4th.

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH is the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, and it is the largest one-day food collection in our country. NARFE, in solidarity with the sponsors - the National Association of Letter Carriers and the National Rural Letter Carriers Association urge postal patrons to fill a bag and leave it near their mailbox. **Did you know** that in Shawnee County 14.3 percent of the population — or 25,520 people — struggles with hunger. Please know all donations stay in the community.



CONVENTION DELEGATES SAY



NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES

APRIL 28, 2017 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice-President Sharon Rosenow (Sharon was filling in for Jim Miller, President who was recovering from foot surgery) at 12:00 P.M.

Welcome and Invocation was given by Jo Sue Burenheide followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A \$9 meal was offered.

Program, Cindy Miller from the Alzheimer's Association - Cindy spoke on the impact that Alzheimer's Research is doing currently. She handed out flyers about Individual and Family Support, Education and Training available and Awareness and Public Policy regarding Alzheimer's Disease. She spoke about the 10 signs for Early detection of the disease. Cindy also gave Sue Wike, Topeka Chapter Alzheimer's Chair signs to advertise the walk for a cure. Topeka Chapter has a team that will walk at the event. If you wish to post a sign, donate to the cause or walk, please contact Sue Wike for further information.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik - 31 members, 2 guests our speaker Cindy Miller, new member Evele (Pete) Klaus and his wife Joy were in attendance. Door prizes were given away for those in attendance: Shirley Manning won a container of Peanut Clusters, Ron Miller won a set of BCBS travel mugs, Barbara Decker won a container of Jelly Beans and Navella Richey won a wine bottle tray with crackers and cheese. Please contact Earlene to make or cancel any reservations for attending the monthly meetings.

Secretary, Gwen Ketter reported on the Convention. We had 12 delegates (Ron and Joanne Miller, Dale and Earlene Jirik, Ron and Navella Richey, Richard and Sue Wike, Dolores Engel, Sharon Rosenow, Charlotte Pittman, Marcella Tinoco) and 2 delegates-at-large (Jim Miller and Gwen Ketter) who represented our chapter at the convention. Elizabeth Bornman was reelected as 1st Vice-President and Gwen Ketter was reelected as Federation Secretary. The local chapter will have to align our bylaws to match changes that occurred at National Convention in 2016. We have until the end of 2018 to get this done. There is a template to follow so the process should not be too painful.

Treasurer, Ron Miller - BOH General Fund - \$3445.34 and, Life Membership Savings account - \$1,200.99. There is an outstanding bill that will need to be paid to the 13 delegates that attended State Convention.

First Vice-President, Richard Wike - Speaker for May will be Roy Bird, who is an author. Speaker in June will be Dale Jirik. Speaker for July will be Maureen from the Hearing Aid Group.

Reports:

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Chair/Newsletter Editor - News-letter articles are due 5/5/2017.

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer - Get well cards were sent to Elvin Reed and Virginia Bohn. Thinking of you cards were sent to Marge Roy and Bill Kastens. Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Imogene Duree, Cleveland Martin, Dolores Trapp and Hazel Badger. Jo will send a get well card to Jim Miller. Keep Good Cheer Chair apprised of any info you find out about our members.

Ron Richey, Legislative/Membership - Legislative Report listed in the newsletter. Ron addressed the fact that we need to be diligent in contacting new membership. We need to ensure that we explain the fact that they can join our chapter for \$10.80 per year. If they chose to have automatic payments taken from their annuity it is even less. When a person fills out their renewal paperwork, does their new or renewal online or gets an application from you, make sure they know that they must check the chapter membership to be a member of the local chapter and receive all the benefits that come with that status.

New Business - None.

Sue Wike, Alzheimer Chair - Passed out yard signs to advertise the Walk for a Cure. Drawing: 1st \$6.00 Joanne Miller, 2nd \$5.00 Barbara Decker, and 3rd \$4.00 Jo Sue Burenheide.

Next Executive Board meeting - Fri., May 5, 9:30 AM

Next NARFE General meeting - Fri., May 26, Noon.

Meeting Adjourned 1:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter



**TALK TO SUE WIKE
AND JOIN OUR
NARFE TEAM**

Saturday, June 10

**Walk to End
Alzheimer's
at Hummer Sports Park**

**8:00 Registration
9:00 Ceremony
9:15 Walk**

(1 mile or 2 miles)

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