

NARFE Newsletter March 2018 Chapter 2018

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Last month at our meeting at Circle Café in Paola we made different arrangements for our chapter. We were pleased to have our present State President, Cindy Blythe of Burlington, Ks, and our Area II VP, Sylvia Reipen, of Osage City, Ks., in attendance. We have had a problem in getting someone to take the Position of President for our chapter. Both our possible members do a lot of traveling during the year so It was voted to name Bob Hodge as President and Mark Peters will be available to hold the meetings when Bob is gone or visa versa. I copied all the information I could find to give to them both as sometimes the information could maybe not be made available for them to have at the time they might need it. Hopefully as time goes on they will get all needed info into their own folders.

The Legislative report was given by Bob Hodge. He touched on the former pay raises we have had in the past and new director of OPM. In the absence of Membership Chairman, Pat Erickson, it was noted that a new member, Connie Speaks of Paola, was able to join us today. Another new member, Jackie Nickell of LaCygne, was unable to attend due to her job at present. It was reported we have 68 members. Elizabeth gave the Treasurer’s report.. Our funds are not increasing as we would like them to do. Discussion was held how to help support expenses that occurs each month with the newsletter. They reimburse me for the stamps I use and they decided to donate \$50.00 to Alzheimers fund in my name to show their appreciation. The last State Convention, referred as such, will be held at the end of April at Park City (just on the north side of Wichita) and Mark Peters is planning on attending so he will carry our voting decisions. I have worked several hours making sure our chapter’s info has been documented and getting ready to ship out. Not finished yet however!!!! I am going to enclose an item on the back side about paying your dues and perhaps help everyone understand how to correctly take care of it. Reading the fine print and swallowing it is hard for all of us sometimes so maybe this will help. For our chapter to receive it and not have to go thru the process that occurs if the dues is paid late sometimes is a real effort to complete too so please pay soon as possible. Some need to recheck their paying status if you have not already taken care of it. Each of you are special to us. We have lost several members—7 in fact this year by death, and only gained 2 members I think. Perhaps by ordering what you would like to eat for lunch and not having to drive at night we thought maybe our attendance would improve also. We hope so. Some of you probably heard there will not be a convention from now on each year but committee meeting or instruction and information gatherings perhaps. Something new and different anyway. It is quite expensive to hold large conventions and find places to hold them. I still have tickets for anyone to buy if you want to take a chance on winning 50% of the amount taken in on them at the convention. You do not have to be present to win. I do not have the total of the amount we have given this year as “pocket change” for out donation to Alzheimers yet.

If you have a question about the convention or need more information you may contact Gwen Ketter at 785-220-7196 or..... gsketter56@gmail.com.