



Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters

**61st Annual Pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting
Ramada Inn Downtown Topeka KS
Sunday April 26, 2015**

The Federation Pre-Convention Executive Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 am in the Mansion Dining Room at the Ramada Inn Downtown Topeka KS by President Cindy Renee' Blythe.

Invocation was given by Judy Etter, Federation Chaplin.

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Elizabeth Bornman, 1st Vice-President.

Cindy passed out a copy of the seating chart to board members showing them when and where they would be needed on the dias during the convention. Cindy also reported that due to an injury, Gary Townson would not be able to attend and that we hadn't heard from Charles Waknitz so we were assuming that he would not be in attendance.

Gary Kilgore gave us an update on Gary Townson - Gary sends his regrets that he is unable to attend, but is on strict doctors orders for bed rest due to a back injury he sustained. He will not need surgery, but is in pain unless on his back. He wanted to give everybody greetings. Cindy said that she had been in contact with him and that he is in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Roll call was made by the Federation Secretary Gwen Ketter:

Present: Cindy Renee' Blythe, President
Elizabeth Bornman, 1st Vice-President
Gwen Ketter, Secretary
Rebecca Rodgers, Treasurer
Carol Ek, Region 5 Vice-President
Louis Bornman, Area 1 Vice-President and National Legislative Chair
Judy Etter, Area 1A Vice-President, Chaplin and Membership Co-Chair
Gary Kilgore, Area 2A Vice-President
Sylvia Riepen, Area 2 Vice-President
John Ourada, Area 3 Vice-President
Ronald Katt, Area 5 Vice-President
James Miller, State Legislative Chair
Joanne Miller, Alzheimer's Chair
James E. Dodd, NARFE-Net & Historian
Tom Huntzinger, NARFE – PAC Chair
Harold Klaege, Service Officer

Not in attendance: Rita Dawson, 2nd Vice-President (family emergency)
Robert Cranmer, Immediate Past President (illness)
Gary Townson, Area 4 Vice-President (injury)
Charles Waknitz, Area 6 Vice-President

Quorum – President Blythe confirmed that there was a quorum present.

Treasurer – Rebecca Rodgers

The 50/50 drawing presold tickets were at 20 for a total of \$500.00. This would mean an income of \$250.00 and award of \$250.00 if no more tickets are sold. We tried something different this time and didn't mail out advance tickets. We notified chapters to request tickets from Elizabeth Bornman (who volunteered to assist Rebecca in ticket sales.) There will be sales during the convention up to the Monday evening banquet. Cindy suggested that we think about and address this at the June meeting. Cindy suggested maybe we change the price to \$10.00 per ticket to enable selling more tickets.

Special Invitations -

Cindy has been invited to attend the National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS) and National Association of Postal Supervisors (NAPS) conventions. The NAPUS convention is May 1-3 in Wichita at the Wyndham Garden Inn Downtown. There is a \$25.00 fee for the vendor table. With motel and fee the expense should be less than \$450.00. Cindy was looking for approval to attend, with expected expenses of \$450.00 or less and to have a drawing from interested attendees for 2 free one-year memberships. Gwen Ketter made the motion for Cindy to attend the NAPUS convention with expenses not to exceed \$500.00 and 2 free one-year memberships as give away-s. Motion was seconded by Judy Etter. Discussion - Carol stated that we should put in for matching funds as this is a recruitment opportunity. John Ourada asked if we had local members who could attend to save the Federation money. Cindy stated that due to time constraints, requesting assistance from the local Wichita chapter was not do-able. Cindy stated that Bill and Peggy Rezak as well as Jim Miller would be in attendance, but that we needed someone to man the table. Judy stated that Elaine Montgomery from Chapter 0027 might also be there. All these attendees would assist with recruitment with Cindy working the table during the convention. Motion passed with an 'aye' vote - no dissension.

NAPS convention is May 7-9 in Branson MO - no information has been received about the location and expenses. Carol stated that the Missouri Federation is going to be there. Cindy said that she would contact the Missouri Federation President Joe Manno and ask for any Kansas contacts and would like to give away one free membership if possible. John Ourada moved to provide a single one-year membership to a Kansas attendee; motion seconded by Harold Klaege. Motion passed with an 'aye' vote - no dissension.

Convention Business -

Memorial Service - Judy Etter has the boom box, CD, flowers, vase, poem, etc. Dale Etter is assisting her with picking up the flowers. Judy is using Sunflowers as they are a symbol of our great state.

Since Gary Townson, Area 4 Vice-President and Charles Waknitz, Area 6 Vice-President are not available, Carol Ek will be reading the names from both the areas. Gwen Ketter passed out the listing pulled from the OAM to each of the Area VPs for their perusal. She requested they let her know any changes. Judy stated that the listing needs to be in location order so that they can read all names for each location together. Gwen will resort the listing and make any corrections, if necessary.

Gwen reminded us that the Credentials/Registration begins at 12 noon to 5 pm. And the Hospitality Room will be available at noon also.

Cindy and Gwen spoke to the hotel management and they will have a projector screen set up in the Regency Ballroom for the afternoon Legislation presentation. Tom and Louis will utilize Tom's projector for their portion and Carol will use her own projector for her OAM training following the legislative presentation.

Bylaws and Resolution Committee meeting and Rules Committee meetings are being combined due to Rita not being in attendance. Gene Algrim will be the chairman.

Time and Place Committee – Ron Katt explained that there currently is no chapter asking to host the 2017 Federation Convention. Before the pre-convention meeting, Cindy contacted the Executive Board members and asked if they would support her to submit a proposal. With the approval, Cindy put together a package which she will present to the Committee. Judy asked if there is a place to hold a convention that is not in a hotel. Carol stated that we might not want the location to be in a different location than where people are staying. If the bid is accepted by the Committee, it will be an agenda item for the June Executive Board meeting.

Other Business -

John Ourada - Salina Chapter would like to have a booth at the Sunflower Fair again this year. Cost is \$205.00 for the booth and \$20.00 for candy. They also want to give away a single one-year membership. The fair is scheduled to be held September 22 from 8-4. They also want to advertise in the North Kansas Area on Aging. John prepared a request for Matching Funds to cover half of the \$225.00 expenses. Gwen Ketter made the motion to approve the Federation expense of \$112.00 and a single one-year membership. Judy Etter seconded the motion. Motion passed with 'aye' vote. John will provide the signed copy of the matching funds request to Cindy for sending to National Office.

Candidates running for office – Jim Miller will act as Chair for the Nomination Committee since Bob Cranmer is not able to attend this year. Elizabeth Bornman and Gwen Ketter have given notice that they are running for re-election for 1st Vice-President and Secretary. Nominations will be accepted from the floor as required by Roberts Rules of Order.

Judy Etter stated that using the local president's report to do the Area VP reports is not helpful. The president's report needs to be revamped. She will work with other Area VP's to have a presentation at the June board meeting if there are no objections.

There being no further business, Cindy adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gwendolyn Ketter

Secretary, Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters