



National Active and Retired Federal
Employees
NEBRASKA FEDERATION

Federation Board Minutes, April 4, 2018
Days Inn Grand Island, Grand Island, NE

1. The meeting of the Nebraska Federation Executive Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m., April 4, 2018, by President Ronald Moore at the Days Inn Grand Island, 7800 US 281, Grand Island, Nebraska.
2. Members present: Ronald Moore [President], Alice Stevens [Vice President/District 2 Rep], Nancy Stenger [Secretary], Janna Cornelius [Treasurer], Arthur Christiansen [District 1 Rep], Beth Fries [District 3 Rep], and Robert Voboril [Historian/Alzheimer's]. A quorum was present.
3. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
4. Motion made by Voboril to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2017 board meetings as published. Seconded by Stevens. Motion passed.
5. Cornelius distributed the financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2018. Savings account balance is \$1,510.05. Checking account income totaled \$20,355.13; expenses totaled \$7,656.72; leaving a balance in checking of \$12,698.41. Total operating funds is \$14,208.46. Motion made by Voboril to accept the financial statement. Seconded by Christiansen. Motion passed.
6. Stevens, Vice President/Federation Newsletter, voiced a concern regarding the number of submissions made for the Federation Newsletter. She would like to see more articles/submissions for the newsletter. Stenger suggested she send the request for articles to all the chapter officers inviting them to submit items for the newsletter.
7. Voboril, Alzheimer's/Historian, reported a total of \$3,300.00 has been donated to Alzheimer's since the 2017 Federation Convention. The Chapter 0362 has donated on an average of \$8.25 per person. The next one is Chapter 1370. The highest member is \$200 from Chapter 0144. Moore indicated he had a couple of "star" quilts that could be used as a donation for the Alzheimer's raffle. Voboril accepted the offer of raffle tickets for use during the Alzheimer's donation process at convention. He will also need four tables at convention for Alzheimer's and Historian.
8. Stenger reported that the Federation website is up and running. The website has a link to the NARFE website and to the other Federations within Region V. The documents from the 2017 CONK are available on the Federation site as well as a listing

of chapters in the Nebraska Federation. The Federation website continues to be a work in progress.

9. Christiansen, District 1 Representative, reported that the chapters in Omaha have discussed merging. Chapter 1307 is having difficulty in recruiting officers to serve, but wish to retain their autonomy as a chapter. Moore indicated that the Corps of Engineers at Offutt is a possibility for a new chapter. Moore will provide Christiansen the contact information for further recruitment.

10. Stevens, District 2 Representative, reported that chapters in her district are having the same type problems as District 1; membership decreasing and trying to get people to attend chapter meetings. Stevens emphasizes membership recruitment at chapter meetings. Moore stated that Chapter 1239 in Norfolk is in the process of closing. The group will continue to meet socially, but will not be a NARFE chapter.

11. Fries, District 3 Representative, assisted Chapter 2110 in North Platte in publishing a chapter newsletter. One newsletter was returned and a couple of responses with email addresses. 2110 had a representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield presented at their November meeting. The meeting was publicized and as a result a new member signed up. The status of Chapter 1717 in Chadron is unknown. Until the chapter's status is resolved they continue to be listed under the Nebraska Federation chapter listing.

12. Federation Conference Agenda. Stenger provided copies of the agenda for review as well as a floor plan of the hotel. The Little Blue Room will be used for the executive board meeting Monday morning. The Loup Room will be used for the general session – same room as last year. The Niobrara Room will be used for committee meetings, meals and tables will be arranged around the room for the Alzheimer's silent auction, history books, NARFE/PAC, and for the vendors. Microphones will be at the podium and one in the isle. Members who wish to speak to a topic need to go to the microphone, state their name and chapter prior to making their remarks. Proposed changes to the bylaws should be submitted in writing and presented to the Parliamentarian for further discussion.

13. Stenger reviewed the program agenda. Minor adjustments were made.

14. Alzheimer's silent auction will conclude by the afternoon break on Tuesday.

15. A Federation newsletter will be published in April.

16. Stevens addressed the bylaws and resolutions that are listed on page 56 of the April issue of the NARFE magazine. These are recommended for rejection. One is changing national membership to non-chapter membership. Discussion ensued regarding the viability and purpose of chapters from the headquarters perspective.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy C Stenger
Federation Secretary