

NARFE CHAPTER 1162  
MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 24, 2015

The March meeting of NARFE Chapter 1162 was called to order at 12:45 pm at the Overland Park Lutheran Church by President Louise Lloyd.

Don Faidley said Grace followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Frank McGough.

President Lloyd welcomed our guests Judy Etter, Kansas Federation Membership Chair and President of Amelia Earhart Chapter and Tom Huntzinger, Kansas Federation NARFE PAC Chair and President of Freestate Chapter.

We enjoyed a Pizza luncheon prior to our chapter meeting.

Copies of the February 24th meeting minutes that were approved by the minutes approving committee, the agenda handout containing some of the committee reports, and copies of the newsletter are available at the sign-in table. Be sure to pick up a copy.

**Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer, Mary Haswell, reported a balance on hand \$7,120.52. The report will be filed for audit.

**NARFE Federation Convention:** The NARFE Federation Convention is April 26-28 in Topeka, KS. The \$20.00 registration fee will be paid by the chapter, but delegates will be responsible for their room and meals. If you can't attend the entire convention, you may want to attend the business meeting on Monday morning that begins at 8:30am and concludes about 4:00pm.

The Sunday format:

1:30 pm - Legislative/PAC strategy session presented by Tom Huntzinger and Louis Bornman.

3:00 pm - Service Officer and Membership Workshops

4:00 pm - Committees: Time and Place, Resolutions, Alzheimer's, Convention Rules and Audit.

Federation Fundraiser - The Federation will conduct a 50/50 raffle for \$25.00 per ticket for members only. Only 200 tickets are being offered. Elizabeth Bornman is coordinating the selling of the tickets, so let her know if you are interested in purchasing one/some.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Alzheimer's:** Judy Arnold, Alzheimer's Chair, thanked those who brought items for the Alzheimer's silent and live auctions at the

Kansas Federation Annual Convention. Contact Judy if you have any additional items to donate.

She also reminded us to continue saving Best Choice labels. Our cash collection today netted \$20.00.

See Judy's report on the agenda handout.

**Legislative:** Louis Bornman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, recently attended the National Legislative Conference in Alexandria, VA. He met with personnel in the offices of our Senators and Representatives. They were receptive to NARFE. Lynn Jenkins was the only Congressman he actually spoke to and she would not commit to anything.

Be aware, more budget cuts are on the horizon.

**Membership** - Since we do not have a Membership Chairman, the duties are being temporarily filled by Louise Lloyd, Elizabeth Bornman and Ginny Glauser.

**Service Officer:** Elizabeth Bornman, Service Officer, submitted her report on the agenda handout.

**PROGRAM:**

Tom Huntzinger, Kansas Federation NARFE PAC Officer and President of the Lawrence Freestate Chapter explained how PAC money is used to support legislation beneficial to federal employees/retirees, will work to protect their pay, annuities and benefits and oppose legislation contrary to our interests. Last year \$920,000 was contributed to PAC which was \$28.11 per member. This year's goal is one million dollars.

Our second speaker was Judy Etter, President of Atchison Amelia Earhart Chapter and is Area 1A Vice President and Membership Chair for the Kansas Federation. She told us that NARFE membership both nationally and locally is in crisis. We are losing so many members and not gaining new ones. At this time it is very important to have NARFE fighting to protect our benefits. She discussed the importance of the "elevator" speech.

**CHAMPSS:** Bruce Smith provided information about Champss, the senior meal plan in partnership with HyVee stores. Seniors may receive one nutritional meal each day, for a price of \$3.50, in the dining area of the store. The menu allows seniors to select an entrée, fruit, vegetable, bread and milk. To enroll in the program you must attend an informational session.

**Announcements:** The next meeting will be April 28, 2015, 1:30 pm, at the Overland Park Lutheran Church. Program: Master Food Volunteer Program by Johnson County Extension Agent. Refreshments to be provided by: Nancy Miller, Flo Biehl and Frank McGough.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary

Ginny Glauser