

WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS (WSFC)  
NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of Meeting of 10 June 2017

The WSFC Officers and Committee Chairs met at Hilton Gardens Conference Room, Kennewick, Washington. Executive Board members present were President Nancy Crosby, Vice President Karol Kusunose, Secretary Ida Sevier, Treasurer Anne Kush, District I VP Christine Price, District II VP Steven Roy, District IV Vice President Bill Powers, and District V Vice President Mary Binder. Committee Chairs present were Federation Reporter Mary Binder, Finance Officer Michael Ferri, National Legislative Chair Lou Kush, Public Relations and PAC Chair Sam Cagle, Federation Other (Webmaster) Linda Wallers, and Alzheimer's Chair Lorie Bennett. Region IX Vice President Rich Wilson was also in attendance. Special guest was Arlene Patton to discuss convention to be held in Spokane next year. The following members were not present District III VP John Cornette, State Legislative representative John Thurber, Membership Chair Francis Titus, and Training Chair Autie Bergman.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Crosby followed by the flag salute. President Crosby announced that the minutes of the December 8, 2016 board meeting were emailed. Minutes were approved as submitted. Copies of minutes and submitted reports were distributed to the attendees.

Arlene and Christine presented information concerning the upcoming convention to be held next May, during the week of the 4th. Katherine Brooks (President of Spokane Chapter 23) will be working to get hotel and actual dates locked in. More information will be disseminated as contracts are signed and programs are decided on.

Region IX Vice President Wilson announced that there were 2151,263 NARFE members, but there is a dwindling number of members (primarily due to deaths at a rate of 25 per day).

National Legislative Chair Lou Kush discussed the legislative conference in Washington, D.C., in March. Fifteen members attended and they were broken into groups of 3 to 5. Each group had white papers and all of them supported the same message that NARFE was supporting. Lou asked members that attended provide him with feedback on their experience.

Treasurer Report from Anne Kush. One chapter still has not paid its dues. Some lines in the budget need to be adjusted since the expended amount will exceed the allotted program contingency. The STCU-5 year certificate will be closed out by next board meeting (matures 7/30/2017).

Budget Report from Mike Ferri stated that no funds were spent in May.

DVD Reports may be found in folders. Christine has been contacted by a member at Grand Coulee about a possible chapter. She and Nancy will set up a meeting with them to check out the possibilities. Karol said that Chapter 163 is closing.

Public Relations and PAC. Sam had posters available for NARFE-PAC. Health fairs are starting to be scheduled. Sam said that pens need to be ordered now to be available during health fairs.

Webmaster Linda Wallers said that the directory of chapters will be taken off the website. She also stated that to let her know of any events that are upcoming and she can put it on the web.

Alzheimer's chair Lori said that \$3,187.09 was earned by walks.

### **OLD Business:**

The suggested format with changes (in italics) from the previously posted bylaws have been posted. Read by next meeting and have any comments to discuss by next meeting.

The 2017 Region IX Training conference will be held 9-10 June 2017, in Kennewick. There were 57 attendees plus Rich Wilson.

Membership incentives need procedures defined. All chapters need to be aware of what is available. Written procedures need to be in written form by next conference.

Executive board meeting expenses and reimbursement was discussed. Consideration of a per diem may be an answer. No decision was reached.

### **New Business**

Federation reporter articles are due July 6th.

The President's meeting will take place in Jacksonville, FL the 17th of June.

Membership renewal form is very confusing the way it currently is set up. Does not clearly differentiate national dues and chapter dues. Nancy will bring up at the President's meeting she is attending in Florida.

Next meeting will be at La Quinta, Tacoma on 24th of Oct from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Ida Sevier  
Secretary