



TENNESSEE FEDERATION
FEDERATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR May 24, 2022

The meeting began at 10 AM CST by ZOOM with President BJ Godwin.

Attendees:

Chairman of the Board, Wayne Baker

Secretary, Karen Voshel

Treasurer, Norris Alderson

Membership, Rhonda Mooney

Newsletter Editor, Linda Heaton

Webmaster, Ronnie Collins

Purpose of the meeting is to determine a path forward for the organization. The last few years with COVID as resulted in decrease in the organization's activities, vacancies in key positions, and loss of connectivity due to COVID restrictions. Zoom meetings have been held but poorly attended. Chapters are declining in membership and a few have closed.

The group decided to resume in person meetings as COVID restrictions have now pretty much been lifted. A Board meeting will be held in August in Lebanon, TN with chapter presidents invited. The TN Federation will pay for expenses for chapter presidents to attend (room, travel, meals). This will be a two day event on 9-10 August, Tue-Wed. Tue will be a travel day with the TN Federation Board to meet after lunch. Wed morning will be a meeting with chapter presidents. Wed afternoon will be travel home time.

Secretary Karen to contact the Ramada Inn, Cumberland Street in Lebanon to book a block of 24 rooms (7 state officers/chairmen plus 17 chapter presidents). This hotel has been used in the past. A meeting room for 25-30 will be needed. Payment for all the rooms will be made directly to the hotel by the Federation/Treasurer Norris. Everyone will be responsible for making their own reservations and using their own credit card to hold the room. Travel and meal expenses will be reimbursed via the expense voucher system (receipts will be required).

President BJ will solicit chapter presidents for discussion topics. It was emphasized that there needs to be good content for both meetings.

Newsletter Editor Linda reminded everyone of the 1 June deadline for articles for the July newsletter. She noted she will like to have a chapter highlight in the November issue. She has no real topic for the July issue. The spring issue topic is the upcoming annual meeting. She needs several weeks to proof/cleanup the articles and prepare the newsletter.

At this time, there is no real need to start planning for the April 2023 Federation meeting. However, this will be a topic of discussion at the August meeting. Some discussion that it would be nice to have a Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns, TN again.

Karen noted she is still working on the minutes for the April Federation meeting. She lost a few weeks due to having COVID. She has received all the speaker slides/notes and will reference them as attachments in the minutes. She will also note the attachment in the supplement documents to make it easier for Ronnie to post. She has not received from RVP Bill Shackleford the Zoom meeting recording info and will remind him to send it.

BJ requested that folks give him suggestions of what to put in his article for the newsletter.

Rhonda asked if the April Federation meeting video/audio can be shared. Karen will talk to RVP Bill Shackleford about it as he hosted the Zoom meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Submitted: Karen Voshel, Secretary