



TENNESSEE FEDERATION

FEDERATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 28-29, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Baker at 11:54 am at the Ramada Inn in Lebanon, Tennessee

Roll Call by Secretary Powers:

• President	A. Wayne Baker	Present
• First Vice-President	vacant	n/a
• Second Vice-President	Billy (BJ) Godwin	Present
• Third Vice-President	vacant	n/a
• Secretary	Timothy Powers	Present
• Treasurer	Norris Alderson	Present
• Legislative Chairman	Larry Minniear	Absent
• Membership Chairman	Rhonda Mooney	Present
• Immediate Past President	Ed Evans	Absent
• Alzheimer's Chairman	Joan Gates	Absent
• NARFE-PAC Chairman	Larry Minniear	Absent
• Newsletter Editor	vacant	n/a
• Network Coordinator	Ronnie Collins	Absent
• Service Officer	vacant	n/a
• State Legislative Officer	Larry Minniear	Absent
• Public Relations Officer	vacant	n/a
• Special Project Officer	vacant	n/a

Others present: none

Vice president Godwin gave the invocation.

Past President Mooney led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Baker passed out today's agenda.

Secretary Powers presented the minutes of November 19, 2019 Federation Board meeting for approval. The minutes were approved as presented.

Secretary Powers asked the board for guidance on disposition of historical records noting that many of the records currently on hand deal with convention business from previous years and are apparently not legally required to be retained. Secretary Powers volunteered to review the files and group them into those to be retained and those that may be discarded. He will report the status of this effort at the next Federation Board meeting.

Treasurer Alderson gave the treasurer report for 2019. The report was accepted as submitted by the board.

Treasurer Alderson presented information on a SunTrust Bank account that pays the current money market interest rate and permits six withdrawals per 30-day cycle without penalty. Treasurer Alderson asked the will of board on using this account to hold some of the funds now in our regular checking account. The Board agreed for Treasurer Alderson use the new account and to deposit the maximum amount that will not risk causing the regular checking account balance to fall below the minimum balance requirement.

Treasurer Alderson is holding funds from three closing chapters and needs to know where to distribute the funds from the closing chapters. He must know where the members are transferred to in order to send money to the gaining chapter or to NARFE HQ for national members.

Treasurer Alderson collected \$3,366.00 in per capita dues for 2019. This number includes dues from the Donelson chapter which were deposited after the first of this year. Treasurer Alderson made a motion to suspend chapter dues collection for one year. The motion was seconded by VP Godwin. The motion carried.

Membership chair Mooney discussed membership. At the conclusion of her report, Treasurer Alderson proposed an extension of 20/20 recruiting cash incentive for calendar year 2020. The board concurred in the proposal.

President Baker questioned how to present the award for the Alzheimer's and PAC winning chapters this year without an annual meeting. He also questioned how the scores will be compiled for the awards. The Board concluded that Joan Gates and Larry Minniear will be relied on the tally scores. President Baker will announce winners by letter and may ask a Federation Board member to visit winning chapters to make the presentation.

President Baker next opened the discussion on the past, present and future of the Tennessee Federation. President Baker stated for the record his conclusion that all chapters should be disbanded, and the Tennessee Federation be retained.

President Baker read from an email from RVP Shackelford which contained the NARFE Attorney's interpretation of the TN bylaws, and the definition of a Federation. The interpretation was in relation to the closing of Tennessee Chapters.

The meeting suspended at 2:30 pm for selected Federation Board members to conduct of the 2019 financial audit of the Federation. VP Godwin, Membership Chair Mooney and Secretary Powers conducted the audit. No discrepancies were found in the audit.

The meeting resumed at 3 PM. The discussion of the future of the Federation continued and resulted in the following:

President Baker proposed to draft a letter to Tennessee NARFE chapter members with the goal of informing and educating members on the situation with declining membership and the lack of volunteers to serve as Chapter and Federation officers. The letter will present his and the Board's vision of the future of chapters and the Federation as we continue the downward spiral in membership and lack of chapter/Federation officers. A draft of the letter will be provided to Federation board members for comments before finalization and distribution to the membership. A motion was made by Treasurer Alderson to approve the drafting of the letter as specified above and the subsequent distribution of the letter. VP Godwin seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

President Baker directed the meeting will resume on Wednesday January 29, 2020. The meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.

The meeting resumed at 0900 Wednesday January 29, 2002 with the same members present as the previous day.

President Baker asked the board when the board should meet again. Consensus was to wait until the letter to members is sent out and comments are received. Board members were asked to collect any comments on the letter and document any oral comments also.

President Baker announced the newsletter remains inactive at this time since no editor has been recruited.

President Baker suggested the Federation should consider revising and restructuring the Board since we have not been able to recruit vice presidents. After discussion, President Baker agreed to include this issue in his letter to members.

VP Godwin asked for guidance on the 2021 annual meeting to be held in West Tennessee. Specifically, how elaborate should the meeting be. Consensus was for President Baker to include in his letter to members the issue of having or not having an annual meeting and proceed based on member feedback. After further discussion, the board decided to hold a meeting of the Federation Board and the Tennessee chapter presidents. This meeting is to occur after the President's letter is sent out and feedback comments have been received. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the future of chapters and the Tennessee Federation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 am.