

Minutes - Chapter 65 - NARFE - meeting of September 19, 2018

Attending: Jerry Hall, Juanita, Leslie, Martha, Dianne, & Jane

1. Minutes/issues from last meeting:

- One of the issues talked about was joining AFGE as discussed with Ian Hoffman when he visited. We agreed to join for the first year; Jerry will contact him.
- We discussed the last luncheon, and all agreed it went well - and food was good.
- The passing of Helen Cope was noted again and her contributions to the Chapter were recognized.
- Jerry, Martha and Dianne attended the Sacramento meeting and Martha and Dianne also attended the FEDcon18 meeting in Jacksonville.
- A letter was sent to the S.F. Mayor Breed noting that more assistance should be given to seniors for job placement. (Charles Minster requested this).

2. Program, including a discussion of next month's topics for Ann Lindsay, and outreach in the building.

- For active members, a checklist of pre-retirement advice would be helpful.
- For retirees, a comparison of the health plans would be helpful.
- For Medicare-eligible members, an evaluation of which health insurance plans work best with FEHB would be helpful. This was requested by a letter to Jerry.
- Finally, suggestions on recommended Webinars would be helpful.

We are planning to conduct outreach in the Federal Building for 3 days - Oct. 15-17.

On Monday: 8:30 to 1 p.m. Tuesday: 8:30 to 1 p.m. Wednesday: 8:30 to noon.

Try to come, if you can, as this type of recruitment has produced good results.

3. Membership issues were discussed, including lost members (especially those that are national only), and renewal letter problems and proposals. Jerry distributed a list of approximately 145 NARFE members in the city who are not chapter members. Discussion continued on whether chapter membership should be automatic for the first year. Jerry is to give advice to the national commission concerning this. We have recruited about 50 new members in the past year, but the renewal letter isn't very helpful with its wording re: chapter membership. We've lost about 160 active employees. We need to contact these people - but our listing isn't "dynamic" - meaning it isn't current. Another issue is that we (Chapter 65) don't have a membership retention person to do this job. Martha suggested we post a job description in the newsletter. Jerry will try to come up with a list of "talking points" for making calls to members who have let their membership lapse.

4. Swalwell event - Sunday, Sept. 30

Eric Swalwell (California's 15th congressional district) - there will be a fundraiser in the East Bay - --Pleasanton, Livermore, etc. (formerly Pete Stark's district.) Jerry may go to this event - Eric Swalwell may be a potential NARFE supporter. Our chapter needs to consider possibly having more than one Congressional liaison, as Jon is not always available. Some Chapters do have more than one. Jerry mentioned again that we need a member to pick up the legislative advocacy function and to report on progress being made on NARFE's legislative agenda.

5. HBO meeting and upcoming Health Fairs - and Thursday health care and SS meeting at 11 a.m. (10/25/18): Jerry usually goes to these events. He mentioned that the Health Benefit offices use the NARFE Webinars. The event will be October 25 (Thursday) at 450 GG from 8 to 1 or 2 p.m. Also, there will be a SS meeting tomorrow (Jerry and Roz are going). Jerry will send health care info.

6. Legislative agenda and regular contact.

Since Alex is no longer working for Pelosi's office, we need to contact his replacement. And Chapter 65 needs an additional legislative chair to volunteer.

7. Reports

Dianne reported \$2,568.55 in the Chapter account.

Martha and Dianne attended the FEDcon18 meeting in Jacksonville, Fla. in September. Some of the speakers were: Joe Theismann, Mara Liasson (NPR), Jeff Pon (OPM) and Henry Winkler. Helen Moser spoke on social media, Tammy Flanagan spoke on retirement, and Barbara Sido was available to meet members.