

NARFE Chapter 80 – February 1, 2020
Minutes – Membership Meeting

Members enjoyed refreshments at 11:00 a.m. The business meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m., President Lorna Howerton led the group with Moment of Silence and Flag salute. There was no scheduled program. A quorum was not met with 10 members attending. The January minutes were accepted as written

Treasurer's report: No report due to not getting Bank Statement until today. Next meeting will reflect two month's data. Chapter 80 has paid the Annual Dues Assessment to the NM Federation - \$651.00 based on 372 members as of January 1, 2020. Update on Lee Tomlin – he is situated at the Assisted Living facility on Louisiana - between Paseo del Norte and San Antonio. His condition has not changed much except that he can talk and communicate well.

Officer Reports:

President:

FEEA Scholarships – application due 3/35/2020 (see page 44 of February *narfe* magazine)

FEDCON2020 – August 30-September 1, 2020; Registration opens February 3rd. Early Bird (2/3-3/31) registration cost is \$165.00. Chapter will pay registration and lodging if any Chapter member attends.

President Howerton shared general information from Headquarters "Insider" publication:

- NARFE website to be improved; Chapter officer webinars taking place to help navigate information portal
- Proposed Dues increase of \$8.00 will be on the August voting ballot.
- 2019 Legislative Successes
- NARFE launches GOTV 2020 – "Get Out The Vote"

VP Membership: Currently 366 members in Chapter 80

VP Legislation: Not much has been happening, legislatively. NARFE PAC reports for final quarter of 2019 are posted on narfe.org

Volunteer Hours Report: Eleanor's report (attached)

Total hours for January = 1004 Hrs.

Old Business:

-- Volunteers are always welcome to participate as a committee member or for other chapter activities

New Business:

-- The 2019 Legislative successes discussion sparked a spirited discussion about the Legislative priorities that NARFE has. These successes focused on current employees, while issues affecting retirees (e.g. COLA's using the CPI-E and WEP/GPO) did not have much traction. President Howerton will draft and send letter to NM Federation VP for Advocacy requesting he and the NM Federation champion the Advocacy priority. Nationally focus on these critical retiree issues.

Alzheimer's drawing: Thanks to All!!! The total collected (donations and drawing) = \$62.00

Good of the Order – Next meeting is the official "annual" meeting. There will be officer elections. PLEASE attend and volunteer to keep this Chapter viable.

February Birthdays: None

Next meeting is March 7, 2020

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorna Howerton, President