**National Silver Haired Congress**

**18th Annual Session**

**Minutes for Board of Directors**

The regularly scheduled of the Board of Directors was held on Friday, August 12, 2016 at 4:00pm in the Laurel Room of the Alexandria Marc Hilton Hotel in Alexandria, VA.

Members present were Herb Randall, Chairman; Shirley Wiggins, Secretary; Lonnie Strait, Treasurer; Carlos Higgins, former Chair; Pat Porter, at-large; Hannah Timmons, Silver House Speaker pro tem; Jean Ingraham Smith, Silver Senate President; Glady Britt, NC regional director; Ann Collins, VA; Norene Murphy; Mary Roberts, NV; Bob Bratcher, TX; Irma Alford, OK; Charles Watson, OK regional director; and Ritchie Robb, WVA; Lamar Bailes, at-large board member; Lue Chandler, WV regional director and Billie LeMay, Silver House Speaker.

Chairman Randall called the meeting to order.

Board minutes were approved.

Treasurer Lonnie Strait presented a treasurer’s report with a balance of $12,205.33. This figure did not include any grant money received or hotel expenses as they were not currently available for this meeting.

Chairman Randall acknowledged with discussion, that state meetings should be done before attending the board meeting for regional directors.

Chairman Randall also identified concerns that he had for increasing memberships such as contacting people by phone or email to encourage them to join. Since this was the last board meeting for Chairman Randall, there were no motions to be presented.

Chairman Randall reported the “virtual meetings” were successful in cutting down the time on resolutions. By doing these meetings, costs were cut for the meeting in the DC area.

Chairman Randall recognized our eldest member of the board, Lue Chandler. Lue is age 92 and was forced out of her home in Clendenin, WV by an unexpected rainstorm that dropped 9 inches of rain in a very short time. Clendenin was one of the towns hardest hit by the flooding that has killed 23 people. Thick, slippery mud coated streets in the town of 1,200 residents, located about 30 miles northeast of the state capital, Charleston. She lost everything including her house. She moved to a temporary shelter for safety and now she is living in a FEMA trailer until her home can be restored which is not likely to happen anytime soon. Lue’s concern was not for herself but the whole area of neighbors who lost their homes. Federal monies will be slow in coming. Let us hope those people can get back to their homes sooner than later.

On that note and no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Shirley Wiggins, NSHC Secretary, 2016