

NARFE Chapter 1192

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, April 1, 2009

CALL TO ORDER President Nancy Crosby called the meeting to order, 1:02 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick. Present: Nancy; Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Carl Gallion; Mary Goldie; Phil LaMont;

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

05/06/09 Umatilla Chemical Depot's weapons disposal program update. (Confirmed/Mary Binder)

06/03/09 Report on the May Federation convention. (Carl/Other Convention attendees)

04/07/10 Terry/Kathy Maurer, antique appraiser. (Confirmed/Johanna)

Future program ideas – Other program options under consideration (new/brought forward):

Contacting OPM/other agencies – what you/your family need to know/have (new)

Advanced Medical, Spaulding Business Park (Mable said this is a new concept for the area – one-stop care; Medicare accepted.)

Social Security/Medicare and interface with health-care plans (Carl/Johanna)

American Cancer Society

Area senior housing options (Verneice volunteered to coordinate this for a fall 2009 meeting.)

Long-term care ombudsman program (Carl)

Tri-Cities Wine Society or wine industry representatives (Mary Binder)

Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau and its programs (Mary Binder)

Recycling programs – update on what can/cannot be recycled (Mary Binder)

OFFICERS

President – Nancy said that we need to be set up and ready to collect money/check in members for the Chapter meetings by 11:30 a.m. as some members are arriving as early as 11:15 a.m.

1st Vice president – No report.

2nd Vice president – No additional report.

Secretary – Mary recommended checking NARFE's Web site for current forms, brochures, etc., and ensuring we have the latest versions in a master notebook, especially for material such as the membership application. It was noted that the Service Office does maintain a master notebook.

Treasurer – President Nancy gave Phil LaMont the Chapter's annual liability insurance bill, which needs to be paid by June 1. There is also a \$12 annual payment due to Cline Communications for the Chapter's Web site.

The Board saw a checklist that will be used and then filed with the Chapter's books when they're audited at the end of the Chapter's fiscal year. The checklist is available on the NARFE Web site and will be discussed at the upcoming District Workshop.

District Vice president – No report.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – No additional report.

Hospitality – No additional report.

Legislative – Responding to Nancy's question, Mary Binder said the recent legislative training conference was good. It provided timely and useful information. The Chapter reimbursed Mary and Don Binder \$500 to partially cover their conference costs.

Membership – Johanna discussed the support the Chapter is providing and would like to have at the Washington American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, annual convention, Richland Red Lion Hotel, April 1-5. The Chapter has a table with NARFE and Chapter material. Per Johanna, it has been a good opportunity to discuss NARFE and recruit potential members.

NARFE-PAC – No additional report.

Newsletter – The Board again discussed newsletter printing costs, including continuing to explore avenues for reducing the costs. Mary Binder said she would get a quote from B&B Express Printing, Inc. Johanna reported HAPO has agreed to pay the last 3 bills. There was a question regarding whether it is 3 vs. 2 bills, but Johanna said HAPO stated 3 bills.

The May/June newsletter articles are due to Mary Binder not later than April 10. **[Reminder:**

Articles are due the 2nd Friday, every other month. Following is the remaining 2009 schedule:

June 12; August 14; October 9; and, December 11. This allows for editing, production and distribution in a timely manner.]

Public Relations – No report.

Service Officers/Callers – No additional report.

Sunshine Committee – No additional report.

Web site – No report.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's report and multi-year dues line – The Board discussed the pros/cons of showing the multi-year dues as an “obligation” on the monthly treasurer's report. Conclusion – the information is confusing and not really of value on the report. It will be deleted from future reports. **[Follow-on note: After additional review, President Nancy said the Board will discuss further at its next meeting.]**

Forever Stamps – The Board discussed purchasing “Forever” first-class stamps prior to the May postage-rate increase. Purchasing a packet of 100 at Costco saves \$2 – \$40 vs. \$42.

Quarterly “Per Capita Tax” – Phil needs to pay the quarterly per capita tax bill for the period January – March, but needs the bill from Federation Treasurer Rex Tauscher. Nancy asked Phil to call Rex if he's not received the bill by the end of April. It is important for the Chapter to be current on this bill prior to the May convention. The Board discussed getting clarification on which quarter this bill would cover, e.g., first quarter, calendar year 2009 or third quarter for fiscal year July 2008 – June 2009. Mary Binder said the Board previously discussed this issue; Carl concurred. Mary said she would review previous Board minutes for the information. **[Follow-on note: See May 2008 Executive Board Minutes.]**

MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:55 p.m.

Prepared by:

Mary Alice Binder

Secretary