

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2013

CALL TO ORDER President Don Binder called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m., Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick. Members present: Lorie Bennett; Don and Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Pam Griffin; Larry Williams. Absent: Carl Gallion; Frank Griffin; Mable Rutt

PROGRAMS – Upcoming *Changes in red

- 05/01/13 State Rep. Larry Haler – update on legislative issues** (Don pursuing other options as the legislature is still in session and his calls are not being returned)
- 06/05/13 Ice Age Floods in the Pacific Northwest – Bruce Bjornstad will provide information on the when, why and impact of these floods** (confirmed; Larry; screen and projector needed)
- 09/04/13 Open** (Don to explore the Washington Policy Center)
- 10/02/13 Senior Centers/their programs, e.g., Meals on Wheels** (Nancy pursuing)
- 11/06/13 White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund** (confirmed; Bill Darke/Pam Griffin)
- 12/04/13 HAMMER Facility – Karen McGinnis, director, will provide an overview of the facility's mission and support** (confirmed; Lorie). Also consider having/doing something for the holidays.

PROGRAMS – Future Ideas (New; brought forward) ***Changes in red**

- Burlington Northern railroad crossing safety presentation** (Moved from June 2013; Larry still pursuing; also, Operation Lifesaver, Inc., www.oli.org, focuses on rail education)
- Broetje Orchards** (Lorie suggestion; no change)
- Emergency Management Representative** (moved from February 2012; Don will explore)
- Fire and safety specialist** (Lorie will pursue as a possible September option)
- Seeing-eye dogs and/or police dogs and their roles** (Dolores suggestion)
- Recycling opportunities in the Tri-Cities region** (Mary; Johanna suggested focusing on possible ways for the chapter to recycle/make money as the Bremerton chapter is doing. Mary said she'd again check with Bremerton on how their program works.)
- Umatilla Chemical Depot – closure update** (Mary Binder; final update in 2013/2014, depending on closure activities and the schedule)
- Elder Law Attorney** (Mary suggestion; Johanna pursuing options, e.g, attorney listed in Senior Pages) [Note: Following the March Board meeting, Johanna provided the following name as a possible speaker: Leslie Smith & Associates, Richland.]
- Hospital Patient Advocates/Social Workers – how does an individual and/or family member find out about available services** (from a Board discussion)

CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS *Changes in red

- May 11 – MCBONES Research Center Foundation, Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site** (Lorie working to confirm date/location; she said her calls were not being returned)
- May 26 – Mariners game** (bus trip; City of Kennewick Parks & Recreation; SOLD OUT)
- June 15 – Tri-City Dust Devils baseball game** (Senior Centers are the points of contact; Lorie reported that to date, no sign ups)
- August 11 – Mariners game** (bus trip; City of Kennewick Parks & Recreation)
- Maryhill Museum – bus trip/tour** (Nancy suggestion; possibility for spring/summer 2014; this will take detailed coordination and commitment as transportation will be needed)
- Pacific Northwest Regional Observatory** (Mary Binder suggestion)
- CREHST Museum tour** (Mary Binder suggestion)
- CREHST Museum Tombstone Tales tour** (Lorie pursuing with CREHST; date TBD)
- CREHST Museum group rate** (Bill will explore if there is a group rate)
- Lamb Weston – tour** (Lorie suggestion; Frank Griffin checked with a POC; LW does tours but not presentation; suggestion now a group activity possibility)

Note: Information about the tours/sign-up sheets will be at Chapter meetings; information will also be in Chapter newsletters and included in e-mails when newsletters are released.

OFFICERS

President: *Don Binder*

- Chapter bylaws – the Board discussed questions Don had after reviewing the updated draft Mary prepared from discussions at the March Board meeting. Additional changes were recommended; Mary will prepare another draft to provide to members at the June chapter meeting. The draft will be sent with the July/August chapter newsletters – mailed and electronic copies – and will be posted on the chapter web site. The Board is targeting a vote at the September chapter meeting. The bylaws will then go to NARFE for approval.
- NARFE 2013 Membership Marketing – Don provided copies of this new NARFE initiative and said it had much good information. It is a more targeted approach to recruiting and retaining members. NARFE is recommending using the M-2, Prospect Member Card, for obtaining a “prospect’s” contact information and then forwarding the card to NARFE for follow up. Don will order a supply of the cards. Nancy recommended the board have a brainstorming session just on outreach/what activities the chapter can do. The Board concurred and set a meeting for June 26. (Details below.)

1st VP/Service Officer/Programs: *Lorie Bennett.* Pre-retirement seminars – the Board again discussed hosting these seminars as a possible way to generate chapter funds. Don and Lorie will pursue getting the chapter a “DUNS” number so we could be listed in the GSA catalog as a resource. Don said he would write to Elaine Hughes at NARFE HQ to see if other chapters use this approach. [Note: From eHow.com, “A DUNS number is a business credit number issued by Dun & Bradstreet, the major credit reporting agency for businesses in the United States; your DUNS number opens a credit profile for your business...”]

2nd VP/Webmaster: *Larry Williams.* April chapter minutes and the May/June chapter newsletter are posted on the chapter web site.

Secretary/Sunshine/Newsletter/Public Relations: *Mary Binder*

- Sunshine report – nothing new to report.
- Newsletter, May/June –
 - Nancy will send it electronically now that it is posted.
 - B&B has the file for printing. Nancy has reduced the mailing list to 140 from about 200 and is planning to mail the newsletters first class this time vs. having B&B mail them non-profit bulk rate. She said she expects the cost to be less. Also, she can print the address labels from information on NARFE’s Online Activities Module.
 - Mary said she would prefer having more current budget info in each newsletter, but that was challenging as the newsletter goes out before a month end so the chapter books are not closed. Board members said they were OK with the information as it has been presented, even though dated.
- PR – the Senior Life Show is Thursday, June 6. Mary has completed the application; Nancy gave her the \$100 registration check. Mary will get the application and check to the Three Rivers Convention Center. Don and Mary are planning to staff the chapter table at the show; Nancy said she would help.
- PR – Mary distributed copies of the chapter’s updated draft 2013 outreach plan. She said she made changes to reflect the chapter’s approved budget, and deleted previously projected items that could not be done. She asked Board members to review the draft, provide her comments not later than Wednesday’s chapter meeting. She’ll then finalize the plan and forward it to federation PR chairman, Sam Cagle, and membership chairman, Frances Titus.

Treasurer: *Nancy Crosby*

- Budget/monthly report – Nancy said we’re on target; also, \$166 was donated for the newsletter at the April chapter meeting.
- Fundraising opportunities, e.g., with the Tri-Cities Fever – Nancy said she wants to contact Faye Vlieger to get more details on this option.

District VP: *Nancy*

- 2013 WSFC training event – currently, those planning to attend from the chapter are: Lorie Bennett (tentative); Don and Mary Binder; Nancy Crosby; Johanna Caylor; Sig Preston; Larry Williams.
- 2014 WSFC Convention – District IV is hosting; hotel has not been selected.
- 2016 WSFC Convention – District V will host. Nancy said the Yakima and Walla Walla chapters want the Tri-Cities chapter to take the lead; they will support. Nancy said we should begin exploring hotel options using the federation's hotel checklist. Mary said she'd get the checklist and schedule a meeting with our Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau representative. The goal is to have an update for the federation executive board at its June 1 meeting in Ellensburg.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's: *Bill Darke*. \$34 was collected at the April chapter meeting; \$96 is in the chapter Alzheimer's account. For the Alzheimer's year – May 1 through April 30, the chapter has donated \$1285. (Note: Bill will verify the federation's Alzheimer's fiscal year dates.)

Caller Coordinator: *Pam Griffin*. Pam said she has been updating the calling rosters. She also needed information to provide to the callers for Wednesday's meeting. As the speaker has not been confirmed, it was agreed to keep the information general – e.g., there will be something on legislation.

Hospitality: *Carl Gallion*. No report.

Legislative: *Don/Mary B.*

- Don and Mary highlighted their meeting with Rep. Doc Hastings, Friday, April 19. This was the third time Mary had met with Doc and the second for Don.
- Don said he is planning to send a letter to the editor for Public Service Recognition Week, May 5-11. NARFE has developed templates.

Membership: *Johanna Caylor*

- M114 – this semi-annual report is still mailed semi-annually, but now run/available electronically quarterly; no change to the title.
- M112/M114 – Johanna is reviewing changes noted in the latest reports.

NARFE PAC: *Frank Griffin*. For Frank, Pam Griffin said \$280, to date, had been contributed. Don said an additional \$200 was contributed at the March NARFE Legislative Conference.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: *Mable Rutt*. No report.

FUTURE MEETINGS: (Outreach) Wednesday, June 26, 11:30 a.m., Tri-City Country Club
(Regular) Thursday, August 22, 10:30 a.m., Tri-City Country Club

MEETING ADJOURNED:s 1:45 P.M.

Prepared by:

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Secretary