

## **NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **April 27, 2017**

President Lorie Bennett called the meeting to order at noon, Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick. Members present: Lorie; Mary Binder; Liz Bowers; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Bob Stewart; Pat Turner; Larry Williams. Absent: Johanna Caylor; Pam Griffin.

#### **President/Service Officer/Special Programs:** *Lorie Bennett.*

- NARFE headquarters announced April 27 that Barbara Sido ("Seedo") had been selected as NARFE's executive director effective May 15. Board members were provided a copy of the NARFE Headquarters News announcement. Mary said she would have copies for members at the May chapter meeting.
- Chapter bylaws – Liz and Mary will be working on the revision over the next few months.
- NARFE Federal Benefits Institute and Legislative Department webinars:
  - May 2, 2 p.m., EDT, monthly legislative update.
  - May 11, 2 p.m., EDT, Estate Planning for Feds.
  - More dates/subjects are on the NARFE website.
- Johanna reported via an April 23 email that she had received a box of NARFE forms and brochures, including the updated membership and scholarship brochures, bookmarks, and the F-100, *Be Prepared for Life's Events*. She wrote that she would get the box to the service office prior to May 2. Nancy said she would bring some of the F-100s to the May chapter meetings.
  - There is an issue of concern with the updated membership brochures – no clear mention of joining a NARFE chapter. Nancy reported that there have been emails expressing concern from NARFE chapters/federations across the country.
  - Mary and Nancy still need to meet with Johanna to review the overall chapter membership processes and procedures she is using.
- Emailing members reminders about attending meetings – per Lorie, no progress. The board briefly discussed sending reminders out during the months between the chapter newsletters.
- Hospitality: Lorie stated that the Red Lion staff is really trying to meet our needs.
- Service Office:
  - Old "stuff" has been cleaned out of the office.
  - There was a discussion as to who has keys for the office, how to get keys, etc. to ensure there was access to the office on days other than the normal Tuesday opening. Lorie will pursue this with the Federal Building point of contact.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** *Pat Turner.* No report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Webmaster:** *Larry Williams.* No report.

**Director at Large:** *Liz Bowers* – no report.

**Director at Large:** *Bob Stewart* – no report.

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

- May/June chapter newsletter – challenging to complete as several contributors were late or did not submit material. Nancy had the printed newsletters for mailing at the meeting; members helped with labels and stamps.
- April 28 – application deadline for the NARFE 2017 scholarship program.
- May 7-13 – Public Service Recognition Week.
- June 8 – Senior Life Show, Three Rivers Convention Center, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Pat and Liz volunteered to help Mary at our chapter NARFE table.
- Table-Top Displays – no progress.
- Board meeting "to-do" recap email – no progress.
- Sunshine: Nothing to report.
- Next board meeting – Wednesday, June 28, noon, Tri-City Country Club.

**Treasurer:** *Nancy Crosby.*

- Nancy reported there was about \$10,378 in the treasury. After chapter members' approval at the April meeting, she wrote checks for \$500 to both Pat Turner and Mary Binder to help offset their costs to attend the NARFE March Legislative Training Conference in Washington, D.C.
- The annual premium for the chapter's liability insurance increased from \$75 to \$100 – the first increase in many, many years.
- The 2016 chapter audit of the chapter financial records is complete. Liz Bowers and Faye Vlieger completed the audit. The only issue was the lost check register, but even without that, Nancy "passed."

**WSFC:** *Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett.*

- WSFC President (*Nancy*):
  - June 9-10, Region IX Training Conference, Three Rivers Convention Center – Nancy reported that the following chapter members were registered to attend: Nancy Crosby; Lorie Bennett; Mary Binder; John Cavanaugh; Johanna Caylor; Sig Preston; Bob Stewart; Pat Turner; Larry Williams. Registration deadline is May 19. The agenda is still not finalized. At the May chapter meeting, she'll again encourage members to attend.
  - May 2018, WSFC conference/convention – the Spokane chapter will host for District I. Dates and location are still to be determined. Most likely, the event will be in May. The convention will be an agenda item at the June WSFC Executive Board meeting, June 10, after the training conference.
- District V VP (*Mary Binder*) – Mary attended the Yakima chapter's March meeting and the Walla Walla chapter's April meeting. Besides general updates, she provided both chapters summary information from the March NARFE Legislative Training Conference.
- Alzheimer's Chairman (*Lorie Bennett*) – Lorie reported the federation Alzheimer's year ends April 30. She'll provide a year-end summary when she receives the next quarterly report.

**COMMITTEES**

**Alzheimer's Chairman:** *Bill Darke.*

- Bill received \$22.50 in donations at the April chapter meeting.
- Total chapter donations for the federation Alzheimer's year, May 1 thru April 30, is \$2,468.38.
- The current NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund goal is \$13M by the end of 2018.

**NARFE-PAC:** *Bob Stewart.*

- Bob received \$124 in contributions at the April chapter meeting bringing the year-to-date total for donations at chapter meetings to \$307.
- First quarter NARFE-PAC reports, January thru March, are now posted on the NARFE website. Bob provided a general recap and will be providing members summary information at the May chapter meeting.

**Legislative:** *Mary Binder.*

- Federal – much to continue to monitor – everything from postal reform to healthcare.
- State – as of April 24, the legislature is in its first special session.

**Membership:** *Johanna Caylor.* See above.

**Caller Coordinator:** *Pam Griffin.* No report.

**PROGRAMS – Upcoming**

**05/03/17 East Benton County Historical Society Museum – update on the museum, including changes from Stephanie Button, administrative director** (confirmed; will need laptop, projector, screen; POC: Mary Binder)

**06/07/17 Port of Kennewick Columbia Drive Revitalization Project – Commissioner Tom Moak presentation** (confirmed; POC: Larry Williams)

**09/06/17 PNNL update – tentative** (the members' top choice for a program in the recent survey; suggestion made to contact Pam Larsen; board members who attended/knew of a recent PNNL presentation to the Badger Club provided feedback; POC: Mary Binder)

**10/04/17 Annual NARFE-focused Program – website review; publications review, etc.** (confirmed; POC: board members)

**11/01/17 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund – members bring items for the auction** (confirmed; POC: Bill Darke)

**12/06/17 Liz Bowers is pursuing options, e.g., school choirs**

**PROGRAMS** – January chapter meeting brainstorming results (Mary)

**1<sup>st</sup> PNNL and Projects – update** (last presentation, January 2013)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hanford: Advisory board; Resource Center; EEOICP; Toxic Substances & Worker Health – update** (last presentation, February 2011)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Benton-Franklin Dial-a-Ride Service** (new presentation)

**4<sup>th</sup> Manhattan Project National Park – update** (last presentation, May 2016, WSFC convention)

**5<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity – update** (last presentation date, unknown; Linda Bauer, point of contact)

**5<sup>th</sup> TRIDEC** (new presentation)

**6<sup>th</sup> Audubon Society** (new presentation)

**6<sup>th</sup> CBC Observatory** (new presentation)

**6<sup>th</sup> Richland Citizens Police Academy** (new presentation; Cerise Peck, 509.528.0245, point of contact)

**6<sup>th</sup> Tri-City Union Gospel Mission** (new presentation)

**6<sup>th</sup> Uber Services** (new presentation)

**6<sup>th</sup> Veterans Coalition** (new presentation)

**6<sup>th</sup> VFW – Veterans' Benefits** (new presentation)

**7<sup>th</sup> LIGO** (new presentation; chapter made a site visit, October 2014)

**7<sup>th</sup> The Reach** (update; last presentation, January 2012)

**7<sup>th</sup> Young Marine Program** (new presentation)

**8<sup>th</sup> Animal Rescue – program overview; where to make donations** (new presentation)

**8<sup>th</sup> CBC Planetarium**

**PROGRAMS – Future Ideas** (New; brought forward)

**Estate planning, wills, powers of attorney – time for another presentation?** (POC: Liz Bowers)

**Aviation History in the Tri-Cities – presentation by Malin Bergstrom, president, Bergstrom Aircraft, Pasco** (Note: Check if this can tie into Pasco Old Airport Tower restoration; POC: Mary Binder)

**Pasco Old Airport Tower – restoration** (POC: Mary Binder)

**Franklin County Historical Society – newly remodeled museum** (POC: Mary Binder)

**Vista Field – reuse plans** (POC: Mary Binder)

**Local/Regional Wine Industry/Wine Programs – WSU/Walla Walla programs; vineyard – how, what, why, where; winemakers – careers, background, successes, etc.; starting a winery** (Liz Bowers suggestion)

**Local Micro Brews** (Liz Bowers suggestion)

**Local Distillers** (Liz Bowers suggestion) **Rep. Dan Newhouse** (POC: Mary Binder; Mary contacted Amy Harris, Rep. Newhouse's scheduler in the D.C. office; she has passed on the request to the local points of contact)

**Decluttering – challenges and tips** (POC: Mary Binder)

**Central Basin Audubon Society** (POC: Steve Howes)

**Service dogs – training and types of service** (POC: Mary Binder)

**WSU Extension Service/Master Gardeners – programs, training** (POC: Larry Williams; still pursuing)

**Port of Kennewick's "Bridge to Bridge" Redevelopment** (POC: Larry Williams; Larry pursuing for a possible May program)

**Drones – uses and challenges** (POC: Larry Williams)

**Port Directors – update on port activities**

**Tri-Cities Food Bank – update from Director Bill Kitchen**

**CBC's Culinary Arts Program**

## **CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL PROGRAMS – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS**

**Dust Devils – 2017 schedule has been published**

**White Bluffs/Ringold – history and current status** (POC: Steve Howes; Lorie will talk with Steve)

**Hanford Reach National Monument** (POC: Steve Howes; Lorie will talk with Steve)

**MCBONES Research Center Foundation, Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site** (POC: Lorie Bennett; on hold)

**Pacific Northwest Regional Observatory/CBC Planetarium** (POCs: Mary Binder, Larry Williams;) possibly in 2016; Larry said he has talked with POC Mike Brady regarding a tour)

**Lamb Weston – tour** (re-contacted; awaiting a reply; POC Lorie)

**WSU Wine Science Center** (tour; possibly before or after the WSFC May convention; POC: Mary Binder)

**Registering Voters** *(Johanna suggestion; she updated the board on the feasibility of doing this as a way to provide NARFE/the chapter exposure; volunteers would be needed; she'll continue to get more information, e.g., would this be feasible before the November elections)*

**Moore Mansion tour** – *Based on input from some chapter members after Brad Peck's May presentation, Larry suggested a tour of the Moore Mansion with a chapter donation to the mansion's restoration fund. Mary said she'd contact Brad to see if this would be possible.*

**Adjourn:** 2:00 p.m.

**Prepared by:**

Mary Alice Binder

Secretary