

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2018

President Lorie Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. Members present: Pat Turner; Mary Binder; Liz Bowers; John Cavanaugh; Nancy Crosby; Bob Stewart; Darleen Wall; Larry Williams; Faye Vlieger. Absent: Johanna Caylor.

President: Lorie Bennett – For 2019 Lorie may be busy with a family issue so she may need Pat Turner to fill in for her at some chapter meetings.

1st Vice President: Pat Turner – no additional report.

2nd Vice President: John Cavanaugh

- Service Office phone – Nancy said she had not yet been able to get to the Federal Building to address the problem of leaving a message on the phone. It was decided to change our business cards to Nancy, Mary, and John's phone numbers and abandon the Federal Building phone altogether.
- Service Office/Officer cards – Mary said she will finish updating the cards now that phone issue is resolved.
- The Service Office currently has a number of files stored inside cabinets. A review of the Chapter records retention policies will be done so that Service Office records can be purged and scanned to electronic media in 2019 as needed.
- John and Nancy will assess which forms need to be purged from the Service Office in December.
- Lorie will contact NARFE about updating the NARFE website to reflect the new Service Office contact numbers.

Director at Large: Nancy Crosby – No additional report.

Director at Large: Bob Stewart – No additional report.

Secretary/Sunshine: Faye Vlieger – Faye still need condolence cards...

Treasurer: Liz Bowers –

- Liz provided the board with an updated 2019 draft budget which is projecting a \$2,500 deficit. This was discussed along with a possible dues increase. It was decided to table the deficit discussion and dues increase with no decision until the next Board meeting.
- The Service Office August mileage reimbursement request was received and will be paid.
- Liz suggested that the Walla Walla area members be added to the call tree to encourage them to attend a meeting.
- Liz also suggested we have a Chapter event or luncheon in the Walla Walla area to accommodate these members. This discussion was tabled with no decision until the next Board meeting.

Public Relations/Newsletter: Mary Binder

- January/February chapter newsletter will be out by the end of December.
- 2019 Outreach Action Plan – was approved by WSF PR Chairman Sam Cagle and WSF President Nancy Crosby.
- Mary needs copies of pictures from the outreach events for the WSF website.

- The request to do the coat check at next year's wine festival has been submitted.

WSF: Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett

- **WSF President Nancy:**
 - **LEGcon19**, March 10-13, Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, Alexandria, Va. Nancy's costs will be covered by the federation. The Board decided at the November meeting to provide other chapter members attending the conference a \$500 "scholarship" to help offset their costs.
 - Region IX Training Conference, May 17-18, Three Rivers Convention Center. Nancy said she does not yet know what the cost will be and also does not have agenda information. These will be discussed at the December 6 WSF executive board meeting, along with discussing the federation providing "scholarships" for federation members attending to help offset their costs. Nancy also said she needs to get a signed contract from Heather Breymeyer, the Three Rivers Convention Center point of contact.
 - Next Exec Board Meeting – Thursday, December 6, La Quinta, Tacoma. Nancy, Mary and Lorie are planning to attend in their respective federation positions.
- **District V VP Mary:** No additional report.
- **WSF Alzheimer's Chairman Lorie:** No additional report.

Committees

Alzheimer's: Larry Williams – At the Chapter meeting today we collected \$24 from the 50/50 drawing and \$28 in donations for a total of \$52.

Legislative: Mary Binder – LEGcon19

Mary, Nancy, Pat and Lorie plan on attending. Mary said that the list of outside speakers is not announced yet.

NARFE-PAC: Bob Stewart – No additional report.

Membership: Johanna Caylor – No additional report.

Caller Coordinator: Darleen Wall – Mary suggested that the callers for the January Chapter meeting ask if the members are receiving the newsletter, and if they would like to receive it by email as a cost cutting measure for our postage costs.

Webmaster: Larry Williams – The website will be updated with the 2019 Chapter calendar, the meeting menus, and programs.

THERE WILL BE NO CHAPTER BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY 2019.

2019 PROJECTED MEETING PROGRAMS

01/02/19 Eastern Washington Better Business Bureau – Danielle Kane will provide a presentation on consumer awareness (Nancy will again reconfirm; POC: Nancy Crosby)

02/06/19 Jason Mercier, director, Center for Government Reform, Washington Policy Center, Tri-Cities office, will provide an update on the 2019 Washington State legislative session (Reconfirmed; POC: Mary Binder)

03/06/19 Annual chapter food drive – reminder to members to bring nonperishable food and/or cash/check. Notes: cash/check preferred; new Tri-Cities Food Bank director is Tim Sullivan. The board discussed that the food bank does not include Pasco. (POC: Pat Turner)

Per board discussion, a program for the meeting is needed. The board discussed having a speaker on decluttering, repurposing items, document retention, etc. in preparation for "spring cleaning." Mary said she would work on finding a program speaker.

- 04/03/19 Kathy & Terry Maurer, antique appraisers, return to update members on the world of antiques and appraise items members bring (*Reconfirmed; POC: Mary Binder*)
- 05/01/19 Washington Recovery Alliance/Benton Franklin Recovery Coalition – Michele Gerber will provide information on the coalition and its actions to address addiction in the Tri-Cities (*Discussed as a program option for May at the board meeting and confirmed after the meeting; POC: Pat Turner* [Also, **Overview of biennial Region IX Training Conference, May 17-18**])
- 06/05/19 Overview/update on the Washington State brewery industry from Aaron Burks, Atomic Ale Brewpub & Eatery, Richland (*Tentative; POC: Liz Bowers*)
- 09/04/19 Mary will work on finding a speaker
- 10/02/19 Nancy Crosby will explore getting a speaker to cover the new tax laws.
- 11/06/19 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund – members bring items for the auction (*tentative; remind members to bring items, cash/checkbook; POC: Larry Williams*)
- 12/04/19 Holiday Music Program

2017 BRAINSTORMING SUGGESTED PROGRAMS – from January 2017 chapter meeting (*Mary*)

- 1st PNNL and Projects – update (*last presentation, January 2013; contact Pam Larsen; POC: Mary*)
- 2nd Hanford: Advisory board; Resource Center; EEOICP; Toxic Substances & Worker Health – update (*last presentation, February 2011*)
- 3rd Benton-Franklin Dial-a-Ride Service (*new presentation*)
- 4th Manhattan Project National Park – update (*last presentation, May 2016, WSF convention*)
- 5th Habitat for Humanity – update (*last presentation date, unknown; Linda Bauer, point of contact*)
- 5th TRIDEC (*new presentation*)
- 6th Audubon Society (*new presentation*)
- 6th CBC Observatory (*new presentation*)
- 6th Richland Citizens Police Academy (*new presentation; Cerise Peck, 509.528.0245, point of contact*)
- 6th Tri-City Union Gospel Mission (*new presentation*)
- 6th Uber Services (*new presentation*)
- 6th Veterans Coalition (*new presentation*)
- 6th VFW – Veterans' Benefits (*new presentation*)
- 7th LIGO (*new presentation; chapter made a site visit, October 2014*)
- 7th The Reach (*update; last presentation, January 2012*)
- 7th Young Marine Program (*new presentation*)
- 8th Animal Rescue – program overview; where to make donations (*new presentation*)
- 8th CBC Planetarium

OTHER POSSIBLE FUTURE PROGRAMS – new; brought forward

- Amazon call center, Kennewick – function of the center (*POC: Larry Williams*)
- 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*)

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 Distillers (*Liz Bowers suggestion*)

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*)

City of Kennewick's "Bridge to Bridge" Redevelopment (*POC: Larry Williams*)

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

Port Directors – update on port activities

CBC's Culinary Arts Program

Women Helping Women – a women/children-focused program

CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL PROGRAMS – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS

Dust Devils – 2019 *(POC: Lorie Bennett)*

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 WSF 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.*

McNary Wildlife Refuge Tour – *POC Lorie Bennett*

Adjourn: 2:46 p.m.

Prepared by:

Faye Vlieger

Secretary