

NARFE Chapter 1192
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2009

CALL TO ORDER – President Nancy Crosby called the meeting to order, 1:18 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. Attending: Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Mary Goldie; Gary Hagedorn; Phil LaMont; Carolyn Reeploeg; Al Rizzo; Dolores Rizzo; Mable Rutt; Nancy Schreckhise; Verneice Skinner; Larry Williams.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

02/04/09 RailEx operation. Carl has confirmed this for February. (Note: This operation was recently featured on the History Channel and in the December 2008 *Washington CEO* magazine.)

03/04/09 Rod Coler Center and its services. Phil is still exploring this as a program option. He said he is working with his wife on the coordination; she works at the Coler Center. Carl offered to assist Phil.

04/01/09 Terry/Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers. Johanna has confirmed this program.

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

Update on the U.S. Army Umatilla Chemical Depot's weapons disposal program (Mary Binder)

American Cancer Society

Area senior housing options

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 recommended this as a new program suggestion; the Board concurred

OFFICERS

President – No report.

1st Vice president – President Nancy said Gary Hagedorn will now have access to chapter reports.

2nd Vice president – No report.

Secretary – Mary said she will update the NARFE F-7 report to reflect Chapter officer/chairmen changes.

Treasurer – Phil will work to finalize the December treasurer's report. President Nancy, Phil and Carolyn will get together within the next week or so to go over treasurer duties; Carolyn needs to step back from assisting with these duties for the foreseeable future due to family health issues.

District Vice president – Carl reported the Spring District Workshop will be in Wenatchee, but no date has been set. He projected the first week in April and said the workshop may coincide with a Federation meeting so as to possibly get Federation officer attendance/participation.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Bill reported he received a letter of thanks/acknowledgement from NARFE for his recent contribution. Others said they'd also received letters.

Hospitality – Carl had no additional information from what he reported at the Chapter meeting.

Legislative – Mary Binder had no additional information from what she reported at the Chapter meeting.

Membership – President Nancy said she found copies Johanna had printed of NARFE's "Semi-Annual Membership Roster Report (M-114) for Chapter 1192," dated Nov. 15, 2008. She distributed the copies.

NARFE-PAC – For Don Binder, Mary said she received 2 checks at today's meeting.

Newsletter – Mary Binder and President Nancy discussed the schedule for the March/April Chapter newsletter. Articles/information need to be to Mary not later than Feb. 13. Distribution is targeted for the last week of February, in time to provide members information for the March Chapter meeting.

Public Relations – 1st Vice President Gary volunteered to take over these duties from President Nancy.

Service Officers /Callers – Mary Goldie and Nancy Schreckhise said they wanted to take callers to lunch as a thank you for all they do. They asked the Board to approve up to \$20 per caller to cover their lunch. There are 8 callers plus Mary and Nancy making calls. President Nancy and Carl have also expressed interest in attending. The Board approved the funding request. Mary and Nancy said they were exploring going to Anthony's; Mary Binder volunteered the Tri-City Country Club as another option, if they needed.

President Nancy said she'd received paperwork for 2009 service of the year nomination, which includes any member who has provided exceptional service to NARFE. With concurrence from Service Officers Mary and Nancy, the Board voted not to pursue a nomination this year.

Sunshine Committee – No report.

Website – Larry reported he'd received a statement from Cline Communications showing a zero balance owed. Cline is the Chapter's Web-site host and provides the service at no charge.

OLD BUSINESS

Food Drive – President Nancy asked Service Officers Mary and Nancy to have callers remind members to bring food donations to the February meeting when they make their calls for reservations. President Nancy said this information also needs to be in the newspaper announcement.

State Convention – Forms and registration information for the May convention have not been received. Carl stated they come from the Federation secretary. Mary Binder said the only information she'd received, to date, was the Nov. 13, 2008, letter from Convention Co-Chair Robert Berkley, requesting information on a Chapter door prize contribution and a request to solicit for booster supporters. She said the letter had a March 1 suspense date for booster names and money. Discussion ensued regarding getting booster support at both the February and March Chapter meetings, as has been done in previous years, and that the March 1 deadline could probably slip. Mary and Carl will be working the issues.

GEICO Public Service Awards – President Nancy said she'd received no names for nomination. The Board voted not to pursue further.

NEW BUSINESS

Taxes – Verneice asked if the past problems regarding on-line filing had been resolved. Phil said they had and President Nancy concurred.

Membership Outreach Letter – Gary asked about sending a membership outreach letter to area Federal organizations. President Nancy recapped past attempts, which have had minimal results. Mary Binder said she'd spoken with Dennis Shannon at KONA about doing a segment on NARFE; KONA will support this. Mary stated this is potentially a good way to get out information, at no cost, as KONA has a large listening audience. She said she would work with KONA to set this up. The Board reached no other decisions on other initiatives, but did express the importance of exploring options, especially in light of the current economic situation and potential impacts to both active and retired Federal employees. Maintaining current benefits will most likely become even more challenging.

MEETING ADJOURNED – About 2:10 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Secretary