

NARFE Chapter 1192
Board Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER President Don Binder called the meeting to order at 2 p.m., Kennewick Red Lion Hotel. Board members present: Lorie Bennett; Don and Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Pam and Frank Griffin; Larry Williams. Absent: Carl Gallion; Mable Rutt.

PROGRAMS – Upcoming*

02/06/13 TBD

03/06/13 WSU Wine Science Center (vision and status) – Sharon Holden, director, Development and Regional Advancement (confirmed; Mary)

04/03/13 Antique Appraisers Terry and Kathy Maurer (confirmed; Johanna Caylor)

05/01/13 State Senator Larry Haler – update on legislative issues (tentative; Don pursuing)

06/05/13 Recap of WSFC's first training event, May 31-June 1 (confirmed; event attendees)

09/04/13 Open

10/02/13 FEHBP providers (tentative; Board recommends inviting all area providers)

11/06/13 White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund (confirmed; Bill Darke)

12/04/13 HAMMER Facility –Karen McGinnis, director, will provide an overview of the facilities mission and support (confirmed; Lorie)

PROGRAMS – Future Ideas (New; brought forward)*

Washington Policy Center – topic TBD, e.g., Affordable Care Act and its impacts
(Mary suggestion; Don pursuing)

Tri-Cities Airport administrator's presentation (Don suggestion)

Burlington Northern railroad crossing safety presentation (Larry suggestion. *He reported that Operation Lifesaver, Inc., www.oli.org, focuses on rail education and is pursuing*)

Broetje Orchards

Lamb Weston

Meals on Wheels (Nancy suggestion)

Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired (Nancy suggestion)

Tri-Cities area gang task force (Board has discussed revisiting this issue with a focus on the regional task force and/or the Yakima area female police officer who gave a presentation Larry and Johanna attended)

Emergency Management Representative (moved from February 2012; Don will explore)

Fire and safety specialist

Neighborhood Watch (Dolores Rizzo suggestion)

Blue Mountain Wildlife, Pendleton; Alan Cliff, Native American spiritual leader
(Dolores suggestion based on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, article, Tri-Cities Herald)

Seeing-eye dogs and/or police dogs and their roles (Dolores suggestion)

American Cancer Society

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)

Umatilla Chemical Depot – closure update (Mary Binder; final update in 2013/2014, depending on closure activities and the schedule)

CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS*

February 12 – Tri-City American Hockey game

April 24 – Columbia Gorge Stern Wheeler, Snake River Locks tour (Lorie has the info)

June 15 – Tri-City Dust Devils baseball game

May 26 – Mariners game (Lorie; bus trip through City of Kennewick Parks & Recreation)

May/June – MCBONES Research Center Foundation, Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site (Lorie pursuing; tour will be set after site is re-opened for the season)

Maryhill Museum – bus trip/tour (???? suggestion)

Pacific Northwest Regional Observatory (Mary Binder suggestion)

CREHST Museum tour (Mary Binder suggestion)

CREHST Museum Tombstone Tales tour (*Lorie pursuing with CREHST; date TBD*)

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

***New additions/changes in red above.**

OFFICERS

President – Don Binder.

- Discussed the food drive and thanked Johanna for volunteering to deliver the donations.

1st Vice President/Service Officer/Special Programs Coordinator – Lorie Bennett.

- Chapter bylaws revision – Lorie presented the draft revised bylaws she and Don had worked on. The Board discussed the changes. Mary Binder will edit the draft and forward the revision to the Board for its review. Goal is to have the revision sent to/provided to the membership within the 60-day time frame, using the March/April Chapter newsletter, and to have the membership approve the bylaws at either the May or June Chapter meeting. After approval, they will be sent to NARFE for approval. Target implementation is September.
- Pre-Retirement Seminars – Lorie and Don will be meeting to discuss options.

2nd Vice President/Webmaster – Larry Williams. No additional report.

Secretary/Newsletter/PR/Sunshine – Mary Binder.

- Chapter roster – Revised/updated copy provided. Mary will update again with Frank Griffin's name as the new Chapter 1192 PAC coordinator.
- Next Board meeting – February 8, 11:30 a.m., Tri-City Country Club (tentative location; Mary will confirm)
- **Note: March/April newsletter articles/input due to Mary by February 8.**

Treasurer – Nancy Crosby.

- The annual budget report balanced.
- The Chapter started 2012 with \$7K but is starting 2013 with \$5K. Although District V is scheduled to host the 2016 Federation convention, which can be an income producer but also will be split between the 3 District V chapters, we need fundraising options.
- She can order officer pins for those interested. The Chapter pays. No Board interest.

District Vice President – Nancy Crosby.

- Reported that WSFC President Sandy Cagle is looking for a membership chairman. Currently, Frances Titus is serving both as the WSFC membership chairman and District I DVP. Johanna said she could not take on this position at this time.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Chairman Bill Darke. \$16 collected today.

Caller Coordinator – Pam Griffin.

- Don asked Pam to have callers verify e-mail addresses with members when they call them.
- Will start providing names, not just the lunch reservation number, to better track "no shows."

Hospitality – Chairman Carl Gallion. No report.

Legislative – Co-chairs Don and Mary Binder. No additional report.

Membership – Chairman Johanna Caylor. No additional report.

NARFE-PAC – Chairman Carl Gallion. Don will be coordinating a meeting with Carl and Frank to transition between coordinators.

Parliamentarian – Mable Rutt. No report.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – Friday, February 8, 11:30 a.m., TC Country Club (tentative location)

MEETING ADJOURNED – 3:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

Mary Alice Binder

Secretary