

NARFE Chapter 1192
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2010

CALL TO ORDER President Nancy Crosby called the meeting to order, 1:37 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick. Present: Nancy; Mary Binder; Bill Darke; Mary Goldie; Carolyn Reeploeg; Mable Rutt; Nancy Schreckhise; and, Larry Williams.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

04/07/10 Terry/Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers (Confirmed/Johanna Caylor)

05/05/10 *Taste Tri-Cities*, Becky Ferguson (Confirmed/Mary Binder)

06/02/10 Recap of WSFC annual convention (Chapter attendees)

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

Energy Employees Occupational Illness, Gail Splett, DOE/Hanford program manager

(Nancy Crosby)

Elder Law/Medicaid/Estate Planning/Living Trusts/Wills and Probate, Loren Eddy, lawyer

(Mary Binder)

Neighborhood Watch (Dolores Rizzo suggestion)

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

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

Long-term care policies (Carl Gallion/Carolyn Reeploeg)

Contacting OPM/other agencies – what you/your family need to know/have

Advanced Medical, Spaulding Business Park (Mable Rutt said this is a new concept for the area)

Social Security/Medicare and interface with healthcare plans (Carl/Johanna)

American Cancer Society

Area senior housing options (Verneice Skinner/possible 2010 program; Nancy will call Verneice)

Tri-Cities Wine Society or wine industry representatives (Mary Binder)

Volunteer Center and its mission (Mary Goldie)

OFFICERS

President – No report.

1st Vice President – No report.

2nd Vice President – No report.

Secretary – No report.

Treasurer – President Nancy reiterated that she and new treasurer, Bob Stewart, will meet again in March to finalize transitioning treasurer duties.

District Vice President – For Carl, President Nancy reported that there are several individuals interested in running for the VP position as Carl has indicated he is not running again. She also said she offered Vic Rohret the Chapter's assistance with the April 23 District's workshop, but to date, he has not requested assistance. The workshop is in Yakima, April 23, at the Red Lion Hotel.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Chairman Bill Darke said \$30 was collected at today's meeting. And in response to a question from Mary Binder, Bill said he would drawdown the account to about \$50 and send the remaining amount to the Federation prior to the WSFC May convention.

Hospitality – President Nancy reported the Chapter's May meeting may be moved to the Atrium room.

Legislative – No additional report.

Membership – For Chairman Johanna Caylor, President Nancy said Johanna has the MAP form (Membership Action Plan) and will be drafting the Chapter's submittal. Nancy also said it appears WSFC reimbursements will not be as good as in the past.

NARFE-PAC – No additional report.

Newsletter – President Nancy said she's only had 2 e-mail returns to the recent newsletter distribution; that is an improvement. **[Reminder: Articles are due the 2nd Friday, every other month. The remainder of the 2010 due-date schedule is: April 9; June 11 (optional; use if we want to do a letter covering July/August); August 13; October 8; and, December 10.]**

Public Relations – No additional report.

Service Officers/Callers – Co-Chairman Nancy Schreckhise said caller Marilyn McNeil asked to have her call list reduced. There was also discussion regarding the number of Chapter members who do not want to be called as they do not want/cannot attend meetings.

Sunshine Committee – Carolyn Reeploeg will deliver to Carl the get-well cards signed at today's meeting.

Web site – Chairman Larry Williams and the Board discussed several items:

- Member Pierre Saget called Larry and said there is nothing on the Chapter's web site about the Service Center. Larry will put the basic information about the Service Center provided in the Chapter newsletter on the site. He'll also post the Chapter's g-mail address as it is another way for members to ask questions and contact Chapter Board members.
- Larry will post information about Carl – his phone, room number and address at the Life Care Center, Richland.
- President Nancy will see if she has an electronic version of the Chapter's bylaws for posting on the web site.
- President Nancy will provide Larry information for posting on the District's April workshop.

OLD BUSINESS

Distinguished Members – President Nancy said she has drafted a letter to send to the Chapter's distinguished members – those at least 85 years of age and with at least 20 years NARFE membership. Mary Binder has reviewed the letter; Johanna is currently reviewing it. The intent is to send the letter inviting local distinguished members to the Chapter's April meeting as Chapter guests.

WSFC Convention – The Board discussed several issues regarding the convention:

- Mary Binder has collected \$29 from members for the program booster list; she will finalize the list and submit it by the March 31 deadline.
- President Nancy said, to date, no one has signed up to run for Federation treasurer; and, based on a message from Federation President Sandy Cagle, the deadline for submitting nominations is now March 31 vs. March 15.
- Larry Williams, Mary Binder, President Nancy and possibly Carl Gallion will work on the Chapter's ad for the Convention program. The Convention's theme is: *Transportation: Land, Sea and Air, Going Places with NARFE*.
- President Nancy said she will work with Johanna to finalize the Chapter's deceased members list.

National Convention –

- President Nancy said convention registration information is in the January *NARFE* magazine; deadline is August 6.
- Currently, 4 Chapter members are planning to attend: Johanna Caylor; Sig Preston; and, Don and Mary Binder. The Board previously approved \$250/each to help offset costs for those attending. **(Note: As a reminder, at its February meeting, the Board discussed and approved an increase from \$500 to \$1,000 the amount budgeted to help reimburse Chapter members attending the Convention for expenses incurred, with a maximum of \$250 provided to any one member.)**
- The Board discussed having a meeting in August prior to the Convention to review resolutions, candidates, and to ensure those attending know the Chapter's wishes when voting.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:29 p.m.

Prepared by:

Mary Alice Binder
Secretary