

NARFE Chapter 1192
Board Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2011

CALL TO ORDER President Don Binder called the meeting to order, 1:55 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick. Board members present: Don; Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Mable Rutt; Larry Williams. Non-Board members attending: Mary Goldie and Nancy Schreckhise.

Chapter Business – WSFC Convention

The Board meeting started with a review of who would be attending the upcoming convention, transportation arrangements, when attendees would be arriving and other logistical information. Members also discussed the *Standing Rules for Federation Conventions* – and clarified that these are not the same as the Federation's *Standing Rules* – and the 3 proposed bylaws changes. The consensus among the Board and attendees was nonsupport for proposed changes 1 and 2, because, after discussion, the Board concurred they did not understand what the proposed changes were trying to accomplish. There was support for proposed change 3 – a return to annual conventions.

PROGRAMS – Upcoming Board members reviewed confirmed and tentative programs.

- 06/01/11 *Recap of Washington State Federation Convention*** (confirmed; convention attendees)
- 09/07/11 *Gangs and the Tri-Cities – what you need to know, Kennewick Police Department*** (confirmed – speaker to be named later; Don Binder)
- 10/05/11 *Contacting OPM/other agencies: using a computer and the F-100 to get what you/your family need to know*** (tentative; Lorie Bennett and Nancy Crosby)
- 11/02/11 *White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund*** (confirmed; Bill Darke)
- 12/07/11 *Tri-City Tappers and Silk Stockings*** (confirmed; Mary Binder)
- 01/04/12 *The Reach – Steve Lee, development associate*** (tentative; Don Binder)
- 02/01/12 *Emergency Management Representative*** (tentative; Don Binder)
- 03/07/12 *WSU wine science center*** (tentative; Mary Binder)
- 04/04/12 *Antique Appraisers Terry and Kathy Maurer*** (confirmed; Johanna Caylor)
- 05/02/12 *(Open)***
- 06/06/12 *Recap of Washington State Federation Convention*** (confirmed; convention attendees)
- 09/05/12 *Elections: Candidates Running for Office*** (tentative)

PROGRAMS – Future Ideas (Brought forward)

- Social Security/Medicare Interface with Health Care Plan B** (Johanna)
- 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)
- Advanced Medical, Spaulding Business Park** (a new concept for the area; Mable Rutt)
- American Cancer Society**
- Area senior housing options; VA options**
- Recycling opportunities in the Tri-Cities region** (Mary Binder)

OFFICERS

President – Don Binder. From Don:

- **PROTECT America's Heartbeat** – again encouraged participation in the campaign.
- The latest NARFE *Recruitment and Retention Journal* is on the web; mailed copies to follow.

1st Vice President – Carl Gallion. No report.

2nd Vice President – Lorie Bennett. No report.

- Lorie is out of town on a family emergency.
- With Lorie out of town, a Chapter event at a Dust Devils baseball game may be on hold for this year.

Secretary – Mary Binder. No report.

Treasurer – Nancy Crosby. No additional report.

District Vice President – Steve Anderson. Steve had provided written feedback on the April joint District I/V workshop. Overall, the written comments from attendees were positive – everything from the location to facility, agenda and presentations. Preliminarily, Steve is proposing a joint workshop again for next year.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Chairman Bill Darke. No additional report.

Caller Coordinator – Pam Griffin. No report.

Hospitality – Chairman Carl Gallion. No report.

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

Membership – Chairman Johanna Caylor.

- Survey – Johanna previously provided updated draft member survey information. Don and Mary Binder had said they would review the material before this Board meeting; that review still needs to be done.
- Membership Action Plan – Johanna will forward to the Board for review. Also discussed – gathering some statistics from the Chapter's web site that could be incorporated into the MAP. Larry Williams will look into this.

NARFE-PAC – Chairman Carl Gallion. No additional report.

Newsletter – Chairman Johanna Caylor. The Board briefly discussed again having a July/August newsletter and agreed that with all that is going on right now, a newsletter is an important communication tool for our members. **[Note: Remaining 2011 Chapter newsletter article deadlines: June 10; August 12; October 7; December 9.]**

Parliamentarian – Mable Rutt. No report.

Public Relations – Chairman Mary Binder.

- Senior Life Show, June 17 – Treasurer Nancy gave Mary a \$100 check for the Chapter's booth fee. Mary will submit the registration information and check after the Board meeting. Schedule and other details will be finalized closer to the event.

Service Office – Chairman Lorie Bennett. No report. The Service Office has coverage while Lorie is gone.

Sunshine Committee – Marcia Lingle. Mary Goldie is continuing to cover Sunshine while Marci is out of town. No additional report.

Web site – Larry Williams.

- On hold – training Lorie as a backup for Larry.

OTHER CHAPTER BUSINESS

Chapter bylaws revision – VP Carl will reconfirm the NARFE approval process for bylaws changes. Projection is to have the draft updated bylaws at the June Chapter meeting and a vote at the September meeting.

Chapter/NARFE timeline/calendar of activities/events – Larry Williams and Secretary Mary are still working this issue.

Chapter's 40th anniversary – This will be at the September Chapter meeting. Preparations need to be made during the summer. VP Carl will contact Anne Ross about additional Chapter materials she may have at her home.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS – June 1, immediately following the Chapter meeting.
[Note: July, no meeting; August, week of the 22nd with the date to be determined.]

MEETING ADJOURNED – 3:40 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Secretary