

NARFE Chapter 1192
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER President Gary Hagedorn called the meeting to order, 1:22 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick. Board members present: Gary; Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Mary Goldie; Sig Preston; and, Mable Rutt. Non-Board member present: William Hoyt.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

10/06/10 *Social Security/Medicare Interface with Health Care Plans* (tentative; Johanna)

11/03/10 *Annual White Elephant Auction for Alzheimer's Research Fund* (confirmed; Bill Darke)

12/01/10 *Holiday Tap Dance Show, Tri-City Tappers* (confirmed; Mary Binder)

01/05/11 *Volunteer Center, Cathy Merrill Holle, Executive Director* (confirmed; Mary Goldie)

02/02/11 *Elder Law/Medicaid/Estate Planning, etc., Loren Eddy* (confirmed; Mary Binder)

03/02/11 *Gangs and the Tri-Cities – what you need to know* (tentative; Don Binder)

04/06/11 *Antique Appraisers, Terry and Kathy Maurer* (confirmed; Johanna Caylor)

05/04/11 *Wine Industry in Washington State* (tentative; Mary Binder)

06/01/11 *Recap of Washington State Federation Convention* (confirmed; convention attendees)

FUTURE PROGRAM IDEAS – Other program options under consideration (new/brought forward):

Energy Employees Occupational Illness, Gail Splett, DOE/Hanford PM (Nancy Crosby)

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)

American Cancer Society

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

OFFICERS

President – Gary Hagedorn asked about the October meeting program. Johanna is working to find a speaker after initial commitment fell through. Mary Binder said she would contact Loren Eddy regarding October vs. February/March as a fall-back option. Nancy Crosby also said we could have health plan brochures available for members at the November meeting. Gary asked that he be kept posted. **(Note: Loren Eddy is available as an option for October, but is also confirmed for February.)**

1st Vice President – For Don Binder, Mary reported that Don had reviewed/updated the Chapter's bylaws. He sent an e-mail September 8 to all Board members with the draft attached. Don requested Board members provide comments to him **within 2 weeks** so he can review them and provide feedback to the Board. Goal: present the updated bylaws to members at the October Chapter meeting; vote on them at the December meeting. Current bylaws require a 60-day notice.

2nd Vice President – Johanna Caylor reported that 2nd Vice President Carl Gallion was undergoing a medical procedure today; she will update the Board via e-mail.

Secretary – Mary Binder. No report.

Treasurer – Nancy Crosby reported that she had modified the 18-month 2009-2010 Chapter budget, based on discussion at the Board's August meeting. **She asked officers /committee chairmen to provide budget input for their respective areas to her not later than November 1.**

District Vice President – **(Note: For possible use/discussion at the Chapter's Board meeting, District V Vice President Steve Anderson sent a "special news release" and additional information he'll be sharing with his Wenatchee chapter at its meeting.)**

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Chairman Bill Darke. No additional report

Hospitality – Carl Gallion. The Board discussed:

- With a possible price increase starting in January after the current contract expires, the Board discussed looking for alternate meeting locations, e.g., the Richland Red Lion. Gary said he would make an initial inquiry.

- Finding a location closer to the Federal Building to possibly attract more active employees to monthly meetings, e.g., the Richland Red Lion.

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

Membership – The Board discussed several items:

- Chairman Johanna Caylor said she would be contacting NARFE headquarters to get more information on AFEs having their own chapters as a possible way to encourage membership. This issue surfaced at the recent NARFE national conference. She will also check on “buttons” that may be available through NARFE in recognition of such things as new membership.
- Having a brown bag lunch opportunity in the July and August months for AFEs as a possible recruitment option. No decision made.
- Offering free lunches vs. \$5 for members who find their NARFE numbers in the Chapter’s newsletter as a possible way to get more attendance at monthly meetings. No decision made.
- Johanna and Sig Preston will staff a NARFE table at the October 14 health fair, Federal Building, Richland, 10:00-11:30 a.m.; Mary Binder and Nancy Crosby said they could staff a table at the Social Security Office, Kennewick, the same day, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- Mary Binder reported she’d obtained the \$100, non-profit vs. \$350 regular booth price for the Chapter at the Three Rivers Convention Center 3rd Annual Senior Life Show, June 17, 2011.
- Mary Binder reported the *Senior Times*, Central Washington, sponsors a “senior expo” in the Tri-Cities each fall and spring. Booth cost: \$375; no discount for non-profits. The fall expo is Wednesday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Red Lion, Kennewick. As it is the same day as the Chapter’s monthly meeting, the Board agreed it would be good to check out the event to better determine if we should consider supporting it in the future as a recruitment tool.
- Following up on an item from the August Board meeting, Mary Binder showed Board members the NARFE membership recruitment posters from NARFE’s website. Johanna said she can use them, and also order more from NARFE. Johanna took the posters.

NARFE-PAC – Chairman Don Binder. No additional report.

Newsletter – Chairman Johanna. No additional report. **[Reminder: Articles are due the 2nd Friday, every other month. The remaining 2010 due-date schedule is: October 8; and, December 10.]**

Public Relations – Gary Hagedorn.

- Following up from the August Board meeting, Mary Binder reported she’d obtained the publication and article/announcement submission schedules for the *Senior Times*. She said she would assist Gary in getting information to that publication.
- Mary Binder said she would work to complete a draft Chapter public relations action plan before the October Chapter Board meeting.

Service Officers – Nancy Schreckhise/Mary Goldie. No additional report.

Sunshine Committee – Marcia Lingle. No report.

Web site – Larry Williams. No report.

OLD BUSINESS

National Convention – Delegates Johanna and Sig had Convention material available.

Position Descriptions – A reminder to officers/those chairmen having NARFE-prepared position descriptions that they need to review their respective descriptions.

November Planning Meeting – Gary said the November Board meeting will be our main planning meeting for the year, and a good time to review the upcoming programs and future ideas, the time line Larry Williams is drafting, the checklist items due to Steve Anderson, etc.

NEW BUSINESS – no new business.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 1:52 p.m.

Prepared by:

Mary Alice Binder

Secretary