

## **NARFE Chapter 1192**

### **December 1, 2010 Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Don Binder called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order at noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash., for President Gary Hagedorn who could not attend the meeting. Don welcomed the 19 attendees and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced the head table, including District V Vice President Steve Anderson.

**MEETING MINUTES** Secretary Mary Binder highlighted the November Chapter meeting minutes. There was one comment. Mary stated \$1100.00 rather than \$1110.00 for the amount raised for Alzheimer's Research in November. The minutes were correct and were approved. **[Note: Both Chapter board and monthly meeting minutes are posted on the Chapter's website and available at Chapter meetings.]**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Don Binder summarized the report for the period ending November 30 for Treasurer Nancy Crosby who could not attend the meeting. Balance on hand as of October 31, \$7,478.98. November receipts were \$825.11 and disbursements, \$472.91, leaving a balance of \$7,831.18. Projected dedicated funds are \$1,012.00, leaving an undedicated funds balance of \$6,819.18. Don also reported that in 2011 Federation chapters will pay \$1.40 per member for per capita tax to the Federation. This reflects a new approach to calculating and paying the Federation per capita tax – an annual fee vs. quarterly calculating an amount based on a chapter's membership numbers and individual members membership category as of December 31 – and will simplify the Federation chapter treasurers' duties. The Federation board recently approved this change.

**Monies collected at the December meeting** Luncheon, \$234 (18 paid lunches, \$13/each; 1 comp); Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$50; NARFE-PAC, \$0; Newsletter Fund, \$9; and 50/50 Raffle, \$28 collected/ \$14 awarded (and donated to Alzheimer's Research Fund).

### **OFFICER/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President** Gary Hagedorn. No report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** Don Binder extended a special welcome back to Carl Gallion.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** Carl Gallion. No report.

**District V Vice President** Steve Anderson reported on several things:

- The Washington NARFE Federation board approved a per capita tax change that will simplify chapter treasurer's duties.
- There is "no end of things to talk about these days" – everything from the proposed 2-year federal employee pay freeze to feds as overpaid employees.
- Watch for information/updates on GEMS and in the NARFE's monthly magazine; they are helpful ways to stay informed.
- A combined District I and V workshop is in the planning stages for April with members from the districts 7 chapters invited. A major agenda item will be recruiting and retaining members.

**Alzheimer's** Chairman Bill Darke reported that \$1,110.00 was raised in November from donations and the white elephant auction. He sent \$1,168.00 to the Federation Alzheimer's chairman for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund, leaving a balance of \$111.95 in the Chapter's Alzheimer's account. NARFE's new goal is \$10M by 2012. Bill thanked Pam Griffin for helping him conduct the auction.

**Hospitality** Chairman Carl Gallion reported that he had signed the 2011 contract with the Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, for the Chapter's meetings and meals. The menus will be basically the same as in 2010 and, at least in January, the cost to members would remain at \$13. The Board would discuss options for working with the per meal cost increase for 2011.

**Legislative** Co-chairmen Don and Mary Binder. No report.

**Membership** Chairman Johanna Caylor again reminded members that NARFE dues are going up next year, including significant increases to life memberships. Those considering life memberships can pay at the current rates through December. Johanna also reminded members that dues withholding can be a good way to save money for some members. Finally, to recruit and retain members, Johanna needs help from other Chapter members.

**NARFE-PAC** Chairman Don Binder reported that he and Mary are scheduled to attend NARFE's Legislative Workshop in Washington, DC, in March. 2011/2012 NARFE-PAC pins will be available soon and again will be given for contributions of \$20 or more.

**Newsletter** Chairman Johanna Caylor. No report. [Note: Articles and items for the Chapter's January/February newsletter are due by Friday, December 10. Chapter newsletters are posted on the Chapter's website.]

**Public Relations** Chairman Gary Hagedorn. No report.

**Service Officers** Service Officer Nancy Schreckhise reported:

- Starting in January additional volunteers will be needed in the Service Office.
- Lorie Bennett has agreed to be a caller.
- Pam Griffin has agreed to be the caller coordinator.

**Sunshine** Johanna provided the Sunshine report for Chairman Marci Lingle who could not attend the meeting. Donald Rice, a life member, recently passed away; member Sig Preston had knee-replacement surgery recently; members Lyle Bingham, Ofelia Gloria and Larry Musen are having health issues; and, Connie Castleberry retired December 2.

**Website** Webmaster Larry Williams. No report.

## **CHAPTER BUSINESS**

**Installation of 2011 Chapter officers** District V Vice President Steve Anderson administered the oath of office to: Don Binder, president; Carl Gallion, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president; Lorie Bennett, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president; and Mary Binder, secretary. Treasurer Nancy Crosby will be installed at the Chapter's January meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries** None noted.

**Drawings** Larry Williams, free lunch; Steve Anderson, \$14, 50/50 raffle (and donated to Alzheimer's Research Fund).

**Executive Board Meeting** Brief meeting scheduled for immediately after today's meeting program.

**Next Chapter Meeting** Wednesday, January 5, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick.

**January Meeting Program** Paul Shelp, executive director, Dispute Resolution Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Deacon Al Rizzo** Deacon Rizzo was not able to attend the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned** 12:40 p.m.

## **PROGRAM**

**Tri-City Tappers and Silk Stockings** Led by Kim Stock, the groups performed to several holiday songs. Feedback from Chapter members – good entertainment and helped get them in the holiday spirit! And, from Kim and the dancers – they are willing to come back and perform for us again!

*Mary Alice Binder*  
*Secretary*