

NARFE Chapter 1192
January 6, 2010 Chapter Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER President Nancy Crosby called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order, 12:07 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. She welcomed members to the Chapter's first 2010 meeting, introduced the head table, including the meeting's program speaker, Dr. Travis Carter, and asked Frank Griffin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES Secretary Mary Binder highlighted the December Chapter meeting minutes. While highlighting the Chapter's food donation, it was noted that President Nancy was interviewed by a KNDU TV reporter when she dropped off the Chapter's donations during the KNDU food/toy/coat donation event. There were no other comments and no corrections. The minutes were approved. (Note: Minutes are posted on the Chapter's Web site, and copies are available at Chapter meetings.)

TREASURER'S REPORT Acting Treasurer Nancy Crosby provided the report. Balance on hand as of November 30, \$7,649.27. December receipts were \$879.94 and disbursements, \$732.12, leaving a balance of \$7,797.09. Projected dedicated funds are \$4,681.00 leaving an undedicated funds balance of \$3,116.09. Nancy and new treasurer, Bob Stewart, will be meeting during January to transition treasurer duties.

Monies collected at the January meeting Luncheon, \$312; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$38; NARFE-PAC, \$45; Newsletter Fund, \$17; and 50/50 Raffle, \$30 collected/\$15 awarded.

DISTRICT/OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President No report.

District VP Carl Gallion reported:

- He installed officers in both the Yakima and Wenatchee chapters, but could not make it to Ephrata because of the ice storm. Former WSFC president Dale Brighton did the installation for Ephrata.
- The District's annual workshop will be some time in April, in Yakima at the Red Lion Hotel. Carl did not yet have a specific date.
- The January WSFC meeting will be in Everett, also the site for the Federation's 2010 convention in May.
- By less than 1%, the NARFE's dues referendum failed to receive the required two-thirds majority.

1st Vice President Gary Hagedorn reminded members that the *NARFE* magazine is a good source for information on the current health care legislation issue.

2nd Vice President No report.

Alzheimer's Chairman Bill Darke reported there was \$211.43 in the Chapter's Alzheimer's account at the end of December. Several members noted their November checks from the Chapter's fundraiser had not been cashed; Bill said he would look into this.

Hospitality Chairman Carl Gallion reported:

- He finalized negotiations with the Red Lion for the Chapter's 2010 menus and lunch costs. Effective in February, there will be a per person \$1 increase for lunch; the Chapter is covering the increase for January as there was not time to adequately announce the change to the membership.
- The Chapter's September meeting will be moved back 1 week to September 8 to allow Chapter members attending NARFE's national convention the week before to update members at the September meeting.

Legislative Co-legislative Chair Don Binder reported:

- OPM sent notices reflecting tax adjustments. Some annuity recipients are seeing an increase in their monthly annuities, so Don recommended members carefully review their withholdings as they may want to make a change to their deductions.
- CSRS members who have Medicare Part B will see an increase in their premium as Congress did not pass the needed legislation for CSRS employees to not be impacted by what is a legislative oversight impacting CSRS retirees with Medicare Part B.
- Congress is scheduled to hold health benefits legislation discussions behind closed doors; they are not open to the public.

Membership For Chairman Johanna Caylor, President Nancy reported the Chapter had several new members reflected on the latest NARFE membership report.

NARFE-PAC Chairman Don Binder reported that the Federation's latest PAC report showed our Tri-Cities chapter had donated \$516 during this current legislative cycle to NARFE-PAC, which reflected more than any other Federation chapter. Donations will continue to be most important, especially during this election year.

Newsletter President Nancy announced that the January/February Chapter newsletter was sent out, both mailed and e-mailed copies, and is on the Chapter's Web site. She said she is aware there was a problem with the Word link – does not take users to the current issue. Also, congratulations to Dick Bradley who found his member number in the current newsletter – 1 of 3 such numbers. Dick received \$5, which he donated to the Chapter.

Public Relations Chairman Gary Hagedorn said the Chapter's monthly meeting announcement was in the Sunday, January 3, *Tri-City Herald*.

Service Officers Mary Goldie reported the Service Office is doing pretty good, but they need the names of new members to add to the callers member lists. She also noted 3 callers could not make their calls this past month for various reasons; other callers took their lists and made the calls.

Sunshine Chairman Carolyn Reeploeg reminded members that her phone number and e-mail contact information (jdmcer@juno.com, or 375-1229) are in the latest newsletter and asked members to contact her with information about members who may be ill, have passed away, or if there is another significant event that pertains to a member. Carolyn also noted that Chapter member Maynard Plahuta was mentioned in this morning's *Tri-City Herald* in an article on the possible B Reactor Museum. Maynard is president of the board advocating a museum.

NEW BUSINESS District Vice President Carl Gallion installed the Chapter's 2010 officers: Nancy Crosby, president; Gary Hagedorn, 1st vice president; Bob Stewart, treasurer; and, Mary Binder, secretary. Carl also serves as the Chapter's 2nd vice president.

OLD BUSINESS No old business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers needed President Nancy said we need more callers for Chapter meetings; Pam Griffin volunteered to take more names and to fill in when needed. Nancy has applications for those interested in serving on either Chapter or Federation committees.

Drawings Dolores Rizzo, \$15, 50/50 raffle; Larry Musen won the free lunch.

Executive Board Meeting Scheduled for after the Chapter meeting, same room.

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, February 3, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick.

February Meeting Program Life Planning Options, presented by Sunset Gardens.

PROGRAM

Travis Carter, doctor of podiatric medicine Mary Binder introduced the program's guest speaker, Dr. Travis Carter, a local podiatrist. He is a fellow with the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and a diplomat with the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. Dr. Carter had a model of and explained the foot's basic anatomy. He discussed common foot problems and diseases, discussed footwear options – pros and cons – and spent time answering a variety of member questions. Members expressed appreciation for the information he provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Deacon Al Rizzo How are we using the gifts God has given us? What are we doing with the 24 hours we have today? Hopefully, we are making the best of our gifts and time.

Meeting adjourned 1:25 p.m.

Mary Alice Binder,
Secretary