

## **NARFE Chapter 1192**

### **January 5, 2011 Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Don Binder called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order at 11:56 a.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. Don welcomed the 23 attendees, including the program speaker, Paul Shelp, executive director, Dispute Resolution Center of Tri-Cities; introduced the head table; and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEETING MINUTES** Secretary Mary Binder highlighted the December Chapter meeting minutes. There were no comments or corrections. The minutes were approved. **[Note: Both Chapter board and monthly meeting minutes are posted on the Chapter's website and available at Chapter meetings.]**

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

**President** Don Binder provided the following information:

- The 112<sup>th</sup> Congress begins today.
- The Chapter's monthly Board meeting will be at the Binder home, Tuesday, January 11, 10 a.m.
- A combined Districts I and V workshop is scheduled for Thursday, April 28. Don asked for a show of hands from those planning to attend. As of the meeting, 7, possibly 8 members are planning to attend.
- Don and Mary Binder are planning to attend the NARFE Legislative Training Conference, March 5-8, Washington, D.C.
- The Washington State Federation of Chapter's 2011 convention will be in Spokane, May 15-17. Don asked members planning to attend the convention to please let him know. This will help in the planning process for Chapter delegates. Also, as state officers are now serving 2-year terms, there are no scheduled elections for this year's convention. Nancy Crosby is the Federation's Nomination Committee chairman.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** Carl Gallion reported that Vicky Ravely is recovering from knee surgery.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** Lorie Bennett. No report.

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Nancy Crosby provided a report for the period ending December 31, stating the Chapter was in "pretty good shape financially." Balance on hand as of December 31, \$7,831.18. December receipts were \$432.92 and disbursements, \$510.59, leaving a balance of \$7,753.51. Projected dedicated funds are \$1,311.40, leaving an undedicated funds balance of \$6,442.11. Nancy explained that with the new method for calculating Chapter per capita dues owed the Federation, she is currently using 351 voting Chapter members for her calculations. She will pay the dues when Federation Treasurer Arlene Patton sends her a statement.

Nancy provided members a copy of the Chapter's proposed 2011 budget for their review and comment. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget.

**Monies collected at the January meeting** Luncheon, \$304; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$23; NARFE-PAC, \$0; Newsletter Fund, \$10; and 50/50 Raffle, \$30 collected/ \$15 awarded (and donated to Alzheimer's Research Fund).

**District V Vice President** Steve Anderson. No report.

**Alzheimer's** Chairman Bill Darke reported that the Chapter currently has \$136.95 in its Alzheimer's account; that for the 2010/2011 reporting cycle, he has sent \$1,213.00 to the Federation Alzheimer's chairman; and, that to date for the same reporting cycle, the Federation has collected \$8,997.21. He reminded members that pins are given for contributions of \$20 and more, but that all contributions are welcome.

**Caller Coordinator** Chairman Pam Griffin said that she could use more callers. Members interested in helping can contact Pam; her contact information is in the Chapter newsletter. **[pgriff1@earthlink.net; Ph: 509-492-4304]**

**Hospitality** Chairman Carl Gallion explained to members that with the new 2011 contract, members lunches are actually \$14 vs. \$13. However, the Chapter's board voted to have the Chapter absorb the increase on a trial basis for the next 6 months as a savings passed on to members attending the meetings. Therefore, it remains critical for those making a reservation to pay for that reservation – whether or not they attend the meeting. The Chapter must pay for the number of "guaranteed" reservations, even if someone does not show.

**Legislative** Co-chairmen Don and Mary Binder. Don reported that as a result of the 2010 census, Washington State has gained a new Congressional district. Realistically, chances of it being on the state's eastern side are nil. Most likely, it will involve the current 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> districts in the Olympia area. Having an additional district will provide additional clout and open more doors for the state in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**Membership** Chairman Johanna Caylor reported that NARFE dues have gone up effective with 2011. She will be receiving new forms and expects to have them available at the next Chapter meeting. For members who are still currently employed federal employees, Johanna recommended they consider dues withholding. She also stated it is critical for all Chapter members to work together in recruiting and retaining members.

**Newsletter** Chairman Johanna Caylor. Mary Binder asked members to let her or Johanna know if they have ideas or suggestions for the newsletter. **[Note: Chapter newsletters are posted on the Chapter's website.**

**Articles and items for the Chapter's March/April newsletter are due by Friday, February 11. Other deadlines for 2011 are: April 8, June 10, August 12, October 7 and December 9.]**

**NARFE-PAC** Chairman Carl Gallion reported that he has agreed to take on this responsibility from now Chapter President Don Binder. Carl stated that NARFE-PAC is important to him personally, and he reminded members that the PAC does not buy votes but it does open doors for NARFE.

**Public Relations** Chairman Mary Binder said she has volunteered to take on PR duties. She will focus on finding ways to increase NARFE's and the Chapter's visibility with particular emphasis on ways to better utilize free advertising opportunities. She said she welcomes ideas and suggestions members may have.

**Service Officer** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lorie Bennett has agreed to also serve as the Chapter's Service Officer.

**Sunshine** Besides Carl's report on Vicky Ravely, Chair Marci Lingle reported that she sent sympathy cards to the families of members: Ruth Zangar; Chuck Carlisle; and, Don Rice. Get well cards have gone to: Vicky Ravely and Phil Lamont. Johanna also announced that former member Bill Foley recently passed away.

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

## **CHAPTER BUSINESS**

**Installation of 2011 Chapter Treasurer** President Don Binder installed Nancy Crosby as the Chapter's treasurer for 2011. Nancy could not attend the Chapter's December meeting during which District V Vice President Steve Anderson installed the other officers.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries** Chris Abraham; Bill Darke; Carole McGraw; and, Bob Stewart

**Drawings** Nancy Carr, free lunch; Mary Binder, \$15, 50/50 raffle (and donated to Alzheimer's Research Fund)

**Executive Board Meeting** Tuesday, January 11, Binder residence, 2802 W. 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., Kennewick

**Next Chapter Meeting** Wednesday, February 2, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick

**February Meeting Program** Gail Splett, Program Manager, DOE/Hanford, Energy Employees Occupational Illness (Tentative)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Meeting adjourned** 12:30 p.m.

## **PROGRAM**

**Paul Shelp, Executive Director, Dispute Resolution Center of the Tri-Cities** Paul provided information on this non-profit, center – its history and overall mission: mediation; facilitation; training in mediation and conflict resolution; and, education. It is supported by volunteers, except for Paul's position, and follows the Washington Mediation Association's practices. The local center is one of 20 statewide, currently has 12 mediators and completes about 250 mediations annually, including such events as the Community Conversation with the *Tri-City Herald* editorial board. Volunteers come from all walks of life and all backgrounds. Training and certification involve a 40-hour course, 20 hours in family law, a practicum and then additional training for maintenance of skills.

*Mary Alice Binder*  
*Secretary*