

NARFE Chapter 1192
June 6, 2012 Chapter Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 1st Vice President Carl Gallion called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order at noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. He led the Pledge of Allegiance; introduced the head table which consisted of Treasurer Nancy Crosby and Parliamentarian Mable Rutt. President Don Binder, Secretary Mary Binder and 2nd Vice President Lorie Bennett were not present. 23 members were in attendance. Welcomed Dyanna Forsythe to her first meeting.

BOARD/CHAPTER MINUTES Posted on the Chapter's web site and available at meeting.

OFFICER/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1st Vice President Carl Gallion for Don Binder.

- May 14-16, WSFC Convention – recap is the program for the meeting
- Wednesday, September 12, Wenatchee chapter annual picnic, Rocky Reach Dam; all invited; more details in upcoming newsletters

2nd Vice President Nancy Crosby for Lori Bennett

- June 14, Hanford Tour – bring picture ID; arrive not later than 10:30 a.m., Reactor Tour Headquarters, 2000 Logston Blvd., Richland. Gave additional information and added some participants
- August 26-30, NARFE National Convention – we have 7 chapter members attending
- Dust Devils game – Lorie still working on a date, stay tuned

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Nancy Crosby.

- Highlighted the May treasurer's report. Balance as of May 31, \$6,908.61. May receipts were \$1,206.91 and disbursements, \$1,637.27, leaving a balance of \$6,478.25. Projected obligations are \$2,706.00, leaving an unobligated funds balance of \$3,772.25. **[Note: Treasurer's reports are on the Chapter's web site and at meetings.]** Nancy advised that the chapter will have to return approximately \$114 to WFCS treasury due to an overpayment of PR reimbursement.
- Monies collected at the June meeting/since the previous meeting_ Luncheon, \$294; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$20; NARFE-PAC, \$3; Newsletter Fund, \$9; and 50/50 Raffle, \$22 collected/\$11 awarded.

District V Vice President Nancy Crosby. See WSFC convention report

Alzheimer's Chairman Bill Darke. The balance in the Alzheimer's account, including the \$20 collected at the June meeting, is now \$78.

Caller Coordinator Chairman Pam Griffin. Thanked all the callers and reminded that we will be contacting all members prior to the September meeting. Mable Rutt volunteered to take back a call list in the fall.

Hospitality Chairman Carl Gallion. Reminded members that he would appreciate any comments on food selection or venue.

Legislative Carl reported for Don:

- House voted to extend fed pay freeze, including step increases/QSIs, for 3 years; still would need Senate approval ... most likely won't happen
- August 7 primary – voting will be important; also, Doc has 1 viable opponent a woman from Yakima
- Continue to look for updates on GEMS, News Watch, NARFE web site (Legislative Action Center) ...
- **PROTECT America's Heartbeat** (www.ProtectAmericasheartbeat.org) – toolkit regularly updated

Membership Johanna Caylor

- Johanna - Set up a table at the May 19-22, National League of Postmasters Regional Convention in Kennewick. Johanna AGAIN encouraged retired members to sign up for dues withholding. It is the least expensive membership PLUS you will get a \$10.00 rebate for signing up as did 20 members who had converted or signed up since Jan 1, 2010. Johanna reported

that the 2012 WSFC Convention is the first year that Chapter 1192 has not received some type of Award for membership. That is how bad we are doing at Retention of our members.

- Nancy – Gave information on membership from Lanny Ross, Region IX VP, we are losing our political power with reduced membership. Nationally we are under 300,000 members. We used to be close to 450,000. Region 9 Wash/Ore/Id/Montana/Alaska has 79 chapters 14,396 members (Washington has 22 chapters 7716 members). President Binder has challenged each member to sign up 1 member each – Johanna handed out application forms and a NARFE pen, also gave instructions on how to fill in with your membership number and Chapter 1192. Contact Johanna if you have questions. Larry Williams added that the best explanation he has heard as to why we should support NARFE is that we have a professional staff at HQ looking out for us and they are very efficient.

NARFE-PAC Chairman Carl Gallion.

- Doc Hastings votes yes 40% of the time on NARFE issues Be sure and subscribe to GEMS and Newswatch to keep up with current information.

Newsletter Chairman Mary Binder

- Note: Articles/information for the July/August newsletter is due to Mary by June 15.

Public Relations Nancy Crosby for Chairman Mary Binder.

- June 15, Senior Life Show, Three Rivers Convention Center – no admission charge; many vendors with good information. NARFE Chapter 1192 will have an information table. Nancy Crosby and Frank and Pam Griffin will man the table.
- The Chapter's monthly meeting announcement was in the Friday, June 1, *Tri-City Herald*.

Service Officer Nancy Crosby for Lorie Bennett.

- The chapter has purchased the new 2012 Federal Employees Handbook for the service center and a TSP investor's Handbook

Sunshine Chair Marci Lingle; alternate, Nancy Crosby.

- Sent get-well/thinking-of-you cards to members: June Ollero
- Sent condolence card to family members of James Kosy.
- Read some of the obituary for Estelle Bellefeuille and passed it around.
- Marci can do the sunshine chair until September; we need another member to permanently take over for her at that time.

Website Webmaster Larry Williams.

- He has reformatted the archives to now read newest to oldest. He said the website was down for a few days but is up and running. The current reports have been posted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Birthdays/Anniversaries Birthdays: Nancy Schreckhise

Drawings Faye Vlieger, free lunch; Mable Rutt, \$11, 50/50 raffle

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, August 22, 10:30 a.m., Tri-City Country Club. All members are invited but let Mary Binder know if you will be attending.

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, September 5, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick

SEPTEMBER Meeting Program Chapter attendees will provide highlights from the NARFE National Convention

NEW BUSINESS None

PROGRAM WSFC Convention May 14-16 Vancouver, WA - Nancy and Johanna

Opening Day 1- There was a DVD keynote message from NARFE President Beaudoin as well as the other three national officers. Lanny Ross, Region IX VP also spoke to the attendees.

Nominations Committee Chair Nancy Crosby reported the candidates: Sandra Cagle for President, Rich Wilson for Vice President and Arlene Patton for Treasurer. There were no nominees for Secretary. Past President David Seesholtz chaired the elections. After asking three times for each position, there were no further nominations. The three nominees were elected by acclamation.

Lanny Ross presented 60-year anniversary certificates to 8 chapters. The Region Service Officer award went to Chapter 1006, Ralph Angulo. He also presented a distinguished service award to Sandra Cagle. At the Legislative Luncheon, National Legislative Director Julie Tagen spoke on the possible effects of legislation pending to include FEHBP. A lame duck session is possible to address sequestration, tax cuts, etc. There will be more in the NARFE Magazine.

Rick Anderson, Senior Policy Coordinator for Washington Non-profits, discussed grass roots advocacy including techniques, defining the problems, tools, relationships and trust, target cycle and learning goals. That evening President Sandy Cagle and Vice President Rich Wilson held an orientation for the DVPs – it was very informative and helped us understand the job, we have 3 new DVPs.

Day 2 - The president breakfast was attended by Don and Nancy. There was discussion on budget development, the WSFC is going to go to a calendar year budget and has incorporated an 18 month budget for the rest of 2012. Lanny Ross discussed decreased attendance and aging of NARFE members. There were only approximately 90 delegates attending the convention. The memorial service was very lovely and displayed our deceased member's names from Chapter 1192 that passed since the last convention.

When the business session resumed there was a Recruiting and Retention Workshop and Activity Module training was given to Chapter Presidents, Secretaries, membership Chairs and DVPs. Don Binder PAC Chair presented NARFE PAC Awards which Nancy presented to Carl, our PAC Chairman. Our Chapter was 1st Place for Total Contributions and 3rd in the state for average per member contributions. We also did very well with the Alzheimer's donations.

Day 3 – Exec Board meeting – there will not be a WSFC state convention in 2013. WSFC is looking at having a 1 ½ or 1 day workshop in the spring of 2013, may be held in Ellensburg. If that happens we will not have a District workshop until 2014 prior to the next state convention which will be held on the west side, District 4 is hosting. District 5, TriCities, Yakima and Walla Walla will be the hosts for the 2016 state convention.

Johanna explained the new electronic Activity Module program and how it will expedite changes to our membership information.

Closing Remarks/Adjourn – Carl read a letter to the editor that Frank Griffin wrote to share his support for Memorial Day. Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Nancy Crosby, Acting Secretary