

NARFE Chapter 1192
June 4, 2014 Chapter Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER President Don Binder called the chapter's monthly meeting to order at noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. He welcomed 23 members and 2 guests, including Sue McDonald, the program speaker, and Dave Ambrose, a prospective member. Don called for a moment of silence for reflection on those in harm's way, our military and any others needing our thoughts, then led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced board members. He also reminded members this would be the last chapter meeting until September.

BOARD/CHAPTER MINUTES/TREASURER REPORTS/PROGRAM SIGN-UP SHEETS, ETC.

Don reminded members that chapter minutes and treasurer reports are posted on the chapter's website and available at meetings. Event signup sheets, the latest chapter newsletter, and miscellaneous handouts and NARFE forms/publications are also at meetings.

OFFICER/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President/Legislative *Don Binder.*

- Provided highlights from the May WSFC convention. Our Tri-Cities Chapter 1192 was the only chapter to receive awards in 3 categories – Alzheimer's, membership and NARFE-PAC. Don also said chapter members attending the convention learned some things that we want to do differently for the 2016 convention District V is hosting.
- Regarding the *Future of NARFE* (FON) report, Don encouraged members who have comments to let him know. This will help chapter members attending the August NARFE national convention voting on issues.
- Although there are a number of legislative issues "bubbling," nothing has yet "surfaced." However, NARFE's Legislative Department staff continues to monitor a number of issues.
- The chapter will have a newsletter during the summer, so watch for legislative updates in it, but also, in each monthly *narfe* magazine.
- The WSFC Executive Board will have a meeting in the Tri-Cities, Thursday, September 25. This will be a first, or a first in a very long time.
- At the September chapter meeting, besides the program, there will be a brief summary of the NARFE national convention.
- **1st Vice President/Service Office/Special Programs** *Lorie Bennett.*
- Reminded members about activity sign-up sheets on the back tables.
- The chapter's Dust Devils game outing is Saturday, June 21. Sign-ups welcome!
- The Maryhill Museum and Maryhill Winery bus tour date is Saturday, October 4. Cost per person is \$50. The chapter can save \$150 if the bus is booked soon – \$850 vs. \$1,000. Lorie is also checking on museum entry fees, and any other costs.
- ConAgra tour of the French fry operation – Lorie is continuing to work on this, possibly for November. The tour route may need to be modified as some floors can be slippery and there are stairs.
- Service Office is open and staffed with volunteers. It will be open this summer.

Secretary/Sunshine/Newsletter/PR/Legislative *Mary Binder.*

- July/August newsletter articles are due to Mary by Friday, June 6. Mary reminded members to check the newsletter for the hidden numbers – the last 4 digits of a member's NARFE member number.
- The Senior Life Show is June 12, the Three Rivers Convention Center, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The chapter will have a booth at the event. The public is welcome; the event is free.
- Sunshine – Mary sent sympathy cards to the families of members Sandy Smith and Dan Zachary who recently passed away.

Treasurer's Report *Nancy Crosby.*

- Balance on hand as of April 30, \$10,238.44. May receipts were \$583.68 and disbursements, \$855.00 leaving a balance of \$9,967.12. Projected obligations are \$1,527.00, leaving an unobligated balance of \$8,440.12.

- **Monies collected at the June meeting** Luncheon, \$315; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$30; NARFE-PAC, \$13; Newsletter, \$11; 50/50 Raffle, \$36 collected/\$18 awarded, and donated to Alzheimer's Research Fund.

District V Vice President *Nancy Crosby.*

- WSFC 2016 Convention – Nancy has signed contracts with the Three Rivers Convention Center and SpringHill Suites.
- Visited the other 2 district chapters, Walla Walla and Yakima, in May and will do so again in September. She will carry proxies for these chapters to the August NARFE national convention.

Directors at Large *Steve Howes and Pat Turner.* Steve shared with the members that he believes the FON is a big deal. He encouraged members to go to the NARFE website, which has Qs/As pertaining to the FON, and analysis. Steve said members need to be informed, need to pay attention to what is happening in NARFE and with the FON.

Alzheimer's *Chairman Bill Darke.* The chapter received a distinguished service award at the May WSFC convention for its contributions last year, May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014. Total chapter contribution: \$2,340.

Caller Coordinator *Coordinator Pam Griffin.* Callers will receive an updated list before September [the annual call to ALL members to verify contact information, update the do-not-call list, etc.].

Hospitality *Chairman Carl Gallion.* Don reminded members that the chapter has a contract with the Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, through the end of the year. We don't know yet what the impact might be, if any, to any future contracts with the just-announced sale of the hotel.

Membership *Chairman Johanna Caylor.*

- Healthcare providers will be in the Federal Building, Richland, and other locations the week of July 7.
- Johanna will accept donations for the Alzheimer's raffle at the NARFE August national convention.

NARFE-PAC *Chairman Steve Howes.*

- \$81 contributed at the May meeting.
- During the past 15 months, this congressional cycle, NARFE members have contributed more the \$531K to NARFE-PAC.
- Our WSFC is 7th in total NARFE-PAC contributions with more than \$20K; our Chapter 1192 is 3rd in WSFC with \$1,360. To date, this year, chapter members have contributed \$451.
- Johanna is now a sustaining member! Thank you, Johanna.
- Election season will soon be upon us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Birthdays/Anniversaries none

July Birthdays/Anniversaries Sig Preston, Lorie Bennett (birthdays); Bill Darke (anniversary)

August Birthdays/Anniversaries Nancy Crosby, Barbara Fedoriga, Ruby Ulseth (birthdays)

Drawings Barbara Fedoriga, free lunch; Chuck Lee, \$18, 50/50 raffle (donated to Alzheimer's); Nancy conducted a drawing for several tote bags she brought back from healthcare providers at the May WSFC convention – winners were: Larry Williams; Chuck Lee; Faye Vlieger; Dolores Rizzo; and Nancy Glasemann

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, September 3, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick

Next Exec Board Meeting Friday, August 1, noon, Tri-City Country Club. All welcome. [Note: this is a change to the August 13 date announced at the meeting.]

September Program Tim Coleman, elder law attorney, will discuss issues pertinent to seniors

Other Announcements None

NEW BUSINESS None

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:43 p.m.

Program Sue McDonald from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service provided information on the agency's Mid-Columbia region mission, including at the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex. She shared that there are 560 national wildlife refuges – the largest network set-aside in the world. At McNary, management includes: wildlife refuge; wetlands management; habitat restoration; wildlife surveys and monitoring; fire management; rare plant survey and monitoring; and, wildlife restoration and research. Volunteers to help with the various programs are needed and welcomed.

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Secretary