

NARFE Chapter 1192
October 1, 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 21 members and 2 guests, including Hal McCune, the guest speaker, and Dot Stewart, wife of member Bob Stewart. Don led the Pledge of Allegiance, then asked for a moment of silent and made introductions. He recognized new member, Mike Talbot, and Sandy Cook, a member who has not been to a meeting in a long time.

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

Note: chapter minutes and treasurer reports are on the chapter's website and at meetings. Event sign-up sheets, the latest chapter newsletter, and miscellaneous handouts and NARFE forms/publications are also at meetings.

OFFICER/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President/Legislative *Don Binder.*

- The WSFC Executive Board's quarterly meeting was in the Tri-Cities, September 25, at the Red Lion Inn and Suites. It included a walking tour of the Three Rivers Convention Center so board members could see the location for the 2016 WSFC convention. Chapter 2nd VP/webmaster, Larry Williams, also attended the meeting. A key message from the meeting – with membership numbers continuing to decline, “everyone is a membership committee member.”
- Don briefly reviewed the upcoming 4th Congressional District election and reminded members about the annual congressional “scorecard” in the October *narfe* magazine.
- The chapter's annual food drive will be at the January meeting. Bring food and/or dollars.

1st Vice President/Service Office/Special Programs *Lorie Bennett.* No report.

2nd Vice President/Webmaster *Larry Williams.* No report.

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

- November/December newsletter articles are due to Mary by Friday, October 3.
- As a fundraiser, the chapter will be staffing the coat check for the 36th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival, Saturday, November 15, Three Rivers Convention Center. Sign-up sheets were on the tables. Mary will prepare a schedule. “Donations” will be targeted for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund.
- For those shopping on Amazon, at AmazonSmile.com, shoppers have the option of designating a percentage of the sale to various non-profits, including FEEA – the Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund, a program NARFE supports. FEEA donation coupons are also in each *narfe* magazine.
- Sunshine – Mary reminded members to let her know about those needing cards, including for special celebrations and events.

Treasurer's Report *Nancy Crosby.*

- The chapter is “in good shape.” At this point, we're “ahead of the budget.”
- Let Nancy know if you have input for the 2015 chapter budget.
- Balance on hand as of August 31, \$10,138.41. September receipts were \$2,048.22 and disbursements, \$2,221.33, leaving a balance of \$9,965.30. Projected obligations are \$1,426.00, leaving an unobligated balance of \$8,539.30.
- **Monies collected at the October meeting** Luncheon, \$315; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$35; NARFE-PAC, \$27; Newsletter, \$9; 50/50 Raffle, \$44 collected/\$22 awarded (\$11 donated to PAC; \$11 donated to Alzheimer's Research Fund).

District V Vice President *Nancy Crosby.*

- Visited the other 2 district chapters, Yakima and Walla Walla; provided a convention update.
- Attended the September 5, Tri-Cities “branding” meeting with Don and Mary Binder. “Bigger, bolder, brighter, louder,” is a new theme, which we may be able to use for the 2016 WSFC convention. NARFE is also exploring “branding.”
- Continuing work on the 2016 WSFC convention. More details in 2015. We will need a theme.
- Exploring a spring district workshop/meeting.

Directors at Large *Steve Howes and Pat Turner.* No report.

Alzheimer's *Chairman Bill Darke.*

- Since May 1, the beginning of the chapter's Alzheimer's donation year, he has sent \$200 to WSFC for Alzheimer's, leaving a balance of \$35 in the chapter's Alzheimer's account.
- As of the beginning of October, NARFE was close to reaching its \$11M goal.
- A reminder – the November chapter meeting program is the annual Alzheimer's white elephant fundraiser. Bring items for the sale!
- From an article he read, Vitamin D may help with memory.

NARFE-PAC *Chairman Steve Howes.*

- To date for the year, \$421 had been contributed at chapter meetings.
- To date \$330K had been donated to NARFE-PAC for this cycle.
- Being a sustaining member is a good way to go – just a minimum of \$10/monthly.
- Annual congressional members' voting "scorecard" is in the October *narfe* magazine.
- NARFE's PAC "toolkit" has good information. It is on the NARFE website.

Membership *Chairman Johanna Caylor.*

- FEHBP Open Season is November 10 to December 8. Healthcare providers will be in our area October 15 and 16; the schedule is in the September/October chapter newsletter. The chapter will have members with NARFE material at the Federal Building, Stevens Center, Social Security and TSA.
- NARFE extended its September membership initiatives through December 31. NARFE will give members who recruit new members \$10 for each recruit – whether a current employee or retiree, whether the recruit joins our chapter, another chapter or the e-chapter. Also, for each new recruit, NARFE will enter the recruiter's name in a drawing for a Kindle Fire.

Caller Coordinator *Coordinator Pam Griffin.*

- Callers made their annual calls to all members.
- Bob Stewart volunteered to be a caller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Birthdays/Anniversaries Johanna Caylor and Dot Stewart, birthdays

Drawings Johanna Caylor, free lunch; Bill Hoyt, \$22, 50/50 raffle (\$11 to PAC; \$11 to Alzheimer's)

Next Exec Board Meeting Wednesday, October 29, Tri-City Country Club; all welcome

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

November Chapter Meeting Program Annual White Elephant Auction for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund – BRING ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION!

NEW BUSINESS None

MEETING ADJOURNED 1:55 p.m.

Program Hal McCune, Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility protocol manager, provided a final chemical weapons disposal facility update, including photos of current closure activities and projected future activities.

Mary Alice Binder
Secretary