

**NARFE Chapter 1192**  
**September 8, 2010 Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Gary Hagedorn called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order at noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash., welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced the head table and reported that both Chapter vice presidents were undergoing medical treatments and could not attend today's meeting. New member Barbara Fedoriga, was introduced; she is transferring her membership from Hawaii to Chapter 1192.

**MEETING MINUTES** Secretary Mary Binder briefly highlighted the June Chapter meeting minutes. There were no comments or 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** Treasurer Nancy presented the treasurer's report for the period ending August 31. Balance on hand as of July 31, \$7,706.82. August receipts were \$212.18 and disbursements, \$961.50, leaving a balance of \$6,957.50. Projected dedicated funds are \$1,218.00, leaving an undedicated funds balance of \$5,739.50.

**Monies collected at the September meeting** Luncheon, \$244 (18 paid lunches, \$13/each; 2 extra lunches, \$5/each); Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$22; NARFE-PAC, \$20; Newsletter Fund, \$13; and 50/50 Raffle, \$26 collected/\$13 awarded (and donated to Alzheimer's Research Fund.)

**OFFICER/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President** No report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** No report.

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

**District V Vice President** No report.

**Alzheimer's** Chairman Bill Darke reported he received \$14 for Alzheimer's in June, bringing the Chapter's fund balance to \$118.94.

**Hospitality** For Chairman Carl Gallion, Mary Goldie reported that for \$85 the hotel has a wireless lapel mic for rent for meetings. Johanna Caylor said an option is purchasing a mic and trying to get NARFE matching funds for part of the cost.

**Legislative** For Co-Chairman Don Binder, Mary Binder reported:

- The projection remains – no COLA in 2011.
- Congressional focus remains – the upcoming November elections.
- The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform is looking at ways to reduce government spending and cut the national debt. Active/retired federal employees are likely targets.
- NARFE's electronic GEMS system is a great way for members to stay informed on what is happening that may be of interest to them/their benefits. Mary asked members needing assistance in obtaining a GEMS account to let her know.

**Membership** (Note: Membership-related comments included in Chairman Johanna's summary of National Convention activities.)

**NARFE-PAC** For Chairman Don Binder, Mary Binder said PAC funds are needed, especially during this election period. To date, Senator Patty Murray's campaign asked/received \$5K for the recent primary. Representative Doc Hasting's campaign has requested funds for both the primary and general election; to date, there's been no confirmation from NARFE on approval/denial. (Note: Pins are still available for contributions of at least \$20.)

**Newsletter** Extra copies of the Chapter's July/August and September/October newsletters were at the meeting. President Gary reminded members that the newsletters are posted on the Chapter's web site. He also encouraged members to share copies with others, especially potential members.

**Public Relations** No report. (Note: The Chapter meeting announcement was in the Sunday, September 5, *Tri-City Herald*.)

**Service Officers** Service Officer Mary Goldie expressed a special thank you to the callers, who completed the annual calling of all members to verify contact information – a lot of work!

**Sunshine** No report.

**Web site** Treasurer Nancy reminded members the treasurer's report is on the Chapter web site.

## **CHAPTER BUSINESS**

**Vegetarian Meals** President Gary reminded members that vegetarian meals are available but need to be ordered when making a reservation.

**November Planning Meeting** President Gary informed members that the Board's main planning meeting for 2011 will be in November. Programs, timeline for activities, etc., will be reviewed.

**Nominating Committee** President Gary asked if any members would like to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2011 Chapter officer positions and/or if there were members who would like to run for an office. He also encouraged members to volunteer to work on committees and/or chair a committee. With no additional volunteers, Gary announced Nominating Committee members are: Bill Darke and Larry Williams; Sandy Smith is the committee chairman.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Drawings** Eileen Rutledge, free lunch; Nancy Crosby, \$13, 50/50 raffle (donated back to Alzheimer's Research Fund; pill cutter from the National Convention, Lorie Bennett.

**September Birthdays** Several members were wished a happy September birthday!

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

**Next Chapter Meeting** Wednesday, October 6, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick.

**October Program** Social Security/Medicare Interface with Health Care Plans (tentative).

## **PROGRAM**

**31<sup>st</sup> NARFE National Convention – Overview** Johanna and Sig Preston, the Chapter's delegates, provided an overview and summary of their activities. Highlights included:

- Their training and duties/responsibilities in their respective committees: Sergeant at Arms/Sig; Ballot/Teller, Johanna.
- More than 1,000 Washington State NARFE members have died since the 2008 convention.
- Delegates voted to set another new goal for NARFE's Alzheimer's Research Fund – \$10M by 2012; the current \$9M goal by NARFE's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2011 should be reached shortly.
- By about a 75% majority vote, delegates voted to increase NARFE dues as the current dues cannot sustain NARFE. Effective January 1, 2011, 1 year National dues, \$40; 2 years, \$72; 3 years, \$102; dues withholding, 15% reduction. First-year membership fee, \$45, with 1/3 returned to the chapter in lieu of the first year's chapter dues. Chapters continue to set their own dues.
- 4 resolutions passed:
  - Support to the USPS for an Alzheimer's stamp.
  - Continue the option of receiving reports in paper copy vs. only electronic option.
  - Continue the "bill me" option for dues.
  - Beginning with the 2012 convention, committees will have to explain their rationale for decisions/actions taken.
- 854 attended the convention representing 412 chapters. There were 25 candidates running for offices and 2 nominations from the floor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Deacon** Deacon Al Rizzo shared stories and experiences involving his work with inmates and changes they've made in their lives by looking internally. He challenged members to look to what each can do to help get more individuals to attend meetings and that if they have skills that may be useful, to reach out and help the Chapter.

**Meeting adjourned** 1:25 p.m.

*Mary Alice Binder*  
*Secretary*