

NARFE Chapter 1192
Board Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER President Don Binder called the meeting to order, 10:10 a.m., Binder home, 2802 W. 40th Ave., Kennewick. Board members present: Don; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett; Nancy Crosby; Carl Gallion. Board members reviewed the upcoming confirmed and tentative programs.

PROGRAMS – Upcoming

- 05/04/11** *Umatilla Chemical Depot/Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility – updates: weapons disposal/depot reuse, Lt. Col. Kris Perkins, commander, Umatilla Chemical Depot, and Mr. Gary Anderson, program manager, Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility* (confirmed; Mary Binder)
- 06/01/11** *Recap of Washington State Federation Convention* (confirmed; convention attendees)
- 09/07/11** *Gangs and the Tri-Cities – what you need to know, Kennewick Police Department* (tentative; Don Binder – submitted speaker request; had not heard back, so he will follow up)
- 10/05/11** *Contacting OPM/other agencies: using a computer and the F-100 to get what you/your family need to know* (tentative; Lorie Bennett and Nancy Crosby)
- 11/02/11** *White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer’s Research Fund* (confirmed; Bill Darke)
- 12/07/11** *Tri-City Tappers and Silk Stockings* (tentative; Mary Binder – Carl confirmed the hotel will provide the Chapter the space needed to have the Tappers perform and change costumes; Mary will confirm with Kim Stock)
- 01/04/12** *The Reach – Steve Lee, development associate* (tentative; Don Binder working to confirm)
- 02/01/12** *Emergency Management Representative* (tentative)
- 03/07/12** *WSU wine science center* (tentative; Mary Binder)
- 04/04/12** *Antique Appraisers Terry and Kathy Maurer* (confirmed; Johanna Caylor)
- 05/02/12** *(Open)*
- 06/06/12** *Recap of Washington State Federation Convention* (confirmed; convention attendees)
- 09/05/12** *Elections: Candidates Running for Office* (tentative)

PROGRAMS – Future Ideas (Brought forward)

- Social Security/Medicare Interface with Health Care Plan B** (Johanna)
- Neighborhood Watch** (Dolores Rizzo suggestion)
- Blue Mountain Wildlife, Pendleton; Alan Cliff, Native American spiritual leader** (Dolores Rizzo suggestion based on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, article, Tri-Cities Herald)
- Seeing-eye dogs and/or police dogs and their roles** (Dolores Rizzo suggestion)
- Long-term care policies** (Carl Gallion/Carolyn Reeploeg)
- Advanced Medical, Spaulding Business Park** (Mable Rutt said this is a new concept for the area)
- American Cancer Society**
- Area senior housing options** (Nancy Crosby will call Verneice Skinner regarding overall focus)
- Recycling opportunities in the Tri-Cities region** (Mary Binder)

OFFICERS

President – Don Binder. The Board reviewed/discussed Region IX VP Lanny Ross’ February 17 Federation Executive Board meeting notes. Several items could be included in the Chapter’s newsletter. The Board also briefly discussed NARFE’s challenges with its “Pre-Retirement Seminars,” and the fact that when the Chapter did such seminars, they were moneymakers for the Chapter.

1st Vice President – Carl Gallion. No report.

2nd Vice President – Lorie Bennett. Lorie asked why pictures are not taken at Chapter meetings. Board members discussed this and the option of putting pictures on the Chapter’s web site and/or submitting them to the NARFE magazine. Lorie said she would ask her husband, Leon, about taking pictures.

Secretary – Mary Binder. No report.

Treasurer – Nancy Crosby. Nancy said she would mail the required IRS filing by the end of the month.

District Vice President – Steve Anderson. No report.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer’s – Chairman Bill Darke. No report. Board members were interested in knowing when Bill gets quarterly Alzheimer’s reports.

Caller Coordinator – Pam Griffin. President Don contacted Pam and will be meeting with her when he is next in town to discuss calling procedures, issues callers are experiencing, etc. Lorie agreed to join Don and Pam in the meeting.

Hospitality – Chairman Carl Gallion.

- Carl confirmed he'd talked with the Chapter's Red Lion Hotel representative and was assured the Chapter could again have the space/room needed for the December program – the Tri-City Tappers and Silk Stockings.
- The Board discussed developing a speakers' checklist of equipment and other support needed that Carl could use to provide information to the Chapter's Red Lion Hotel representative.

Legislative – Co-chairs Mary and Don Binder. Don said he and Mary had visited Rep. "Doc" Hastings' Pasco office recently and left cards with their contact information for Doc's area representative Ms. Barbara Lisk. Don said he and Mary hope to meet with her soon.

Membership – Chairman Johanna Caylor.

- Survey – Johanna had provided updated draft member survey information. The Board reviewed the updates and agreed it needed to be streamlined. Don and Mary Binder said they will review the material before the next Board meeting.
- Membership Action Plan – still need this from Johanna. Due by the end of April.
- Don said he will talk with Chapter member Hazel Elliott about contacting the Pasco Postmaster.
- Don also said he'd be taking NARFE membership applications to TSA employees at the Pasco airport.

NARFE-PAC – Chairman Carl Gallion. To date, Carl has received \$440. The Board discussed including a PAC donation coupon in a future Chapter newsletter.

Newsletter – Chairman Johanna Caylor. Articles were due to Mary by April 8. Mary and Nancy discussed the production schedule considering their respective travel schedules. Additional possible items for the newsletter: paying dues on line and GEMS changes. [Note: Remaining 2011 Chapter newsletter article deadlines: June 10; August 12; October 7; December 9.]

Parliamentarian – Mable Rutt. No report.

Public Relations – Chairman Mary Binder.

- Mary said she submitted an announcement to the *Senior Times* for the Chapter's April meeting – a first. It did not run. She said she would continue to submit announcements for another few months to see if they are used, and also again call points of contact at the *Senior Times*.
- Three Rivers Senior Life Show, June 17. Mary said she would complete the application; Nancy said the Chapter's debit card could be used for the \$100 booth fee. Mary will submit the paperwork to the Federation for reimbursement of the booth fee.
- The Board discussed possible reimbursements for PR admin/other costs if those are projected on the Chapter's Public Relations Action Plan. Mary said she would explore this further.

Service Office – Chairman Lorie Bennett reported there were only 2 visitors during the recent reporting period. The Board discussed the importance of logging in/reporting conversations they've had with members or others needing assistance. Even calls at home should be reported as "Service Office" calls.

Sunshine Committee – Marcia Lingle. Marci sent cards to Verneice Skinner (brother passed); Sandy Smith (mother passed); and, Dolores Rizzo (Deacon Al passed). To date, no acknowledgement had been received for the Chapter's donation in Deacon Rizzo's name to the Tri-Cities Food Bank. Mary will contact Dolores about the idea of having a column with a "word from Al" in each newsletter as a way to commemorate his memory, and to ask Dolores if she needs transportation to meetings.

Web site – Larry Williams.

- Lorie said she'd contact Larry about getting together with him to get training/information on being a backup for Larry.
- Don said the web site needs to be updated to reflect Nancy Crosby as the immediate past president.

OTHER CHAPTER BUSINESS

Chapter bylaws revision – VP Carl presented a redraft of the Chapter's bylaws. The Board discussed a path forward – continue to work with the bylaws and changes; present to the membership at the September Chapter meeting and vote at the November meeting. Changes will need to be sent to NARFE.

Chapter/NARFE timeline/calendar of activities/events – Larry Williams and Secretary Mary are continuing to work this issue. Mary provided Larry with a sample calendar the Federation is now using.

Combined Districts I/V workshops – Thursday, April 28, Pillar Rock Grill, Moses Lake. The agenda has been distributed. For the presentation on the F-100, members will be able to use their laptops. Therefore, recommend bringing laptops, if possible. The Board also discussed carpooling arrangements.

Federation Convention – Currently, 10 Chapter members are registered and one non-member. The Board discussed possible door prize and Alzheimer’s auction donations. The Board concurred with a door prize donation – a basket with items representative of the Mid-Columbia area. Mary Binder will work on this.
Possible Chapter Activities – VP Nancy will explore further a Chapter night at a Dust Devils baseball game. The Board discussed possible June dates.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS – **May 4, immediately following the Chapter meeting. [June, after Chapter meeting; July, no meeting; August, week of the 22nd; date to be determined.]**

MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:50 p.m.

Prepared by:
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Secretary