

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2018

1st Vice President Pat Turner called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m., at the Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Washington.

Members present: Pat Turner; Mary Binder; Larry Williams; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bob Stewart; John Cavanaugh; Faye Vlieger.

Absent: Liz Bowers; Pam Griffin; Lorie Bennett.

President: *Lorie Bennett.* Absent. Pat Turner is acting President for the meeting.

- Chapter bylaws revision –
 - The revisions to the bylaws were voted on by email by the Board.
 - Copies were available to members at the April Chapter meeting, and will be posted on the website.
 - The membership vote on the bylaws will be at the May chapter meeting.

NARFE Federal Benefits Institute webinars, 2 p.m., EDT:

April 26, TSP: Maximizing You Retirement Savings

May 24, How Much Do YOU Need for a Secure Retirement?

June 21, Steps to a Speedy Federal Retirement

July 26, Survivor Benefits: Ensure Your Peace of Mind

January thru July 2018 webinar schedule – on NARFE website

- Hospitality: The reservations at Zintel Creek Golf Club will be adjusted for the changes made to the April and May Board meeting dates.
 - April meeting moved to the 4th at the Red Lion.
 - May meeting moved to the 2nd at the Red Lion.

1st Vice President: *Pat Turner* – Nothing to report.

2nd Vice President/Service Officer: *John Cavanaugh* –

- John was at the Service office on April 3rd and there is nothing to report.

Director at Large: *Nancy Crosby* – Nothing to report.

Director at Large: *Bob Stewart* – Nothing to report.

Secretary/Sunshine: *Faye Vlieger* –

- A Get Well card was sent to the family of John C. Stover who passed away on March 19th.
- John Rodriguez is recovering from his illness per Bob.

Newsletter/Public Relations: *Mary Binder* –

- Newsletter submissions for the May/June newsletter are due by April 6, 2018.
- The calendar photo contest entries are due by April 15th.
- We have decided to have a table at the Senior Life Show on Wednesday June 13, 2018. The non-profit rate is \$100. Setup is from 7 – 9:30 am, and the event will start at 10 am.
- We have volunteered to run the Wine Festival Coat Check on Saturday November 10, 2018. Donations go to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund.
 - A volunteer to coordinate this project is being sought.

Treasurer: *Liz Bowers* – Absent. Report presented by Nancy Crosby

- The new bank account that was opened is still not receiving the direct deposit dues payments. The old bank account will be left open until it is confirmed that the direct deposit dues payments are depositing correctly.

WSF President: *Nancy Crosby* –

Electronic voting is open for approving the revised Federation Bylaws and electing Federation Officers. **[NOTE: Voting is electronic only and closes May 10.]**

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WSF May 14 – 16 Conference at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane Valley, WA.

- WSF is providing a \$50 scholarship for any Federation Chapter member who attends the May 14 – 16 WSF Conference. Members need to make their reservations.
- The Chapter will provide a scholarship for Chapter members of \$100 who attend the Conference.
- A 2016 – 2018 Deceased Member List was compiled for the Conference program.
- Our Chapter ad for the program was created by Mary and circulated by email.
- Two gift baskets are being requested; one for Alzheimer's and one for the Chapter. It was agreed that we will provide the two baskets not to exceed \$25 each. Mary will make the Chapter baskets.
- Booster List Donations were completed at the April Chapter meeting.

NARFE FEDcon 2018 Conference is August 26 – 28 at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL.

- Registration opened on February 1, 2018 and is ongoing. The registration information is on the website.
- NARFE WSF Board voted to provide a \$500 scholarship for each elected Chapter officer who attends the National Conference, and a \$250 scholarship for each Chapter member who attends the National Conference.
- The Chapter Board recommended a \$500 stipend to each Chapter member who attends FEDcon18.
- It was moved, seconded, and approved by a majority show of hands to buy a Chapter half-page ad in the FEDcon18 program for \$125.
- It was moved, seconded, and defeated to publish a booster list at in the FEDcon18 program.

WSF District V VP: Mary Binder –

- Walla Walla Chapter: The Chapter sent a postcard to its members inviting them to the April chapter meeting to discuss closing the Chapter.
- Yakima Chapter: Mary attended their last meeting and will be working with this chapter on its bylaws.

WSF Chairman Alzheimer's: Lorie Bennett – Absent.

- Lorie would like the Chapter to put together a team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 13, 2018. No volunteers have been identified to head this event.

Committees

Alzheimer's/ Webmaster: Larry Williams –

- \$25.00 was collected at the April 4, 2018 Chapter meeting.
- \$8.00 was collected from the 50/50 drawing at the same meeting which is included in the total above.
- The mailing address needs to be updated with the National Alzheimer's office. This is still an open item.
- Discussions were held surrounding the possible implications to depress charitable donations because of the changes to the standard deductions in the tax law.

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NARFE-PAC: *Bob Stewart* –

- The March donations collected were \$65. At the April 4th Chapter meeting a total of \$15 was collected, bringing the total for 2018 to \$117.
- Donation totals, including the amounts given by Sustainers, will be reported as soon as that information is provided on the NARFE website, which is anticipated to be published by mid-April.

Legislative: *Mary Binder* – Nothing additional to the chapter meeting report.

Membership: *Johanna Caylor* -

- Nancy wrote a draft letter for Johanna to remind annual renewing members to select the Chapter membership dues box.
- A list of members who have received a second renewal notice was prepared and read to the Board.
- A list of names of those members who switched to National membership only, or who dropped was reviewed.
 - Johanna will contact the members on the list to see if they meant to have their memberships in these statuses.

Call Coordinator: *Pam Griffin* – Absent.

- Called for a volunteer to replace Pam as she has said she will resign from the position in June.
 - Darleen Wall has volunteered to take over this duty in August.

Adjourned: 2:55 pm.

The May Board meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel immediately following the May 2, 2018 Chapter meeting.

There were some updates to the upcoming programs and future planning:

PROGRAMS – Upcoming

05/02/18 May National Conference Voting Information on Bylaws & Resolutions

(POCs: Nancy Crosby/Mary Binder)

06/06/18 Recap of WSF Conference & Discuss FEDcon18 Conference Voting Ballots

(POCs: Nancy Crosby/Mary Binder)

09/05/18 Recap of National Conference (POCs: Nancy Crosby/Mary Binder)

10/03/18 Slips, Trips, & Falls presented by a Benton County firefighter (POC: Mary Binder)

11/07/18 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund – members bring items for the auction (Confirmed; remind members to bring items, cash/checkbook; POC: Larry Williams)

12/05/18 Holiday Music Program by Jeff (POC: Liz Bowers)

2019 Prospective meeting information

01/04/19

02/06/19 Jason Mercier, director, Center for Government Reform (Confirmed. POC: Mary Binder)

03/06/19 Bill Kitchen, director, Tri-Cities Food Bank – presentation, it is noted that we would prefer cash or check donations due to weight and transportation considerations (POC: Pat Turner)

04/03/19 Kathy & Terry Maurer, antique appraisers, return to update members on the world of antiques and appraise items members bring (Tentative; POC: Mary Binder)

PROGRAMS – January 2017 chapter meeting brainstorming results (*Mary*)

1st PNNL and Projects – update (*last presentation, January 2013; contact Pam Larsen; POC: Mary*)

2nd Hanford: Advisory board; Resource Center; EEOICP; Toxic Substances & Worker Health – update (*last presentation, February 2011*)

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- 3rd Benton-Franklin Dial-a-Ride Service *(new presentation)*
- 4th Manhattan Project National Park – update *(last presentation, May 2016, WSF convention)*
- 5th Habitat for Humanity – update *(last presentation date, unknown; Linda Bauer, point of contact)*
- 5th TRIDEC *(new presentation)*
- 6th Audubon Society *(new presentation)*
- 6th CBC Observatory *(new presentation)*
- 6th Richland Citizens Police Academy *(new presentation; Cerise Peck, 509.528.0245, point of contact)*
- 6th Tri-City Union Gospel Mission *(new presentation)*
- 6th Uber Services *(new presentation)*
- 6th Veterans Coalition *(new presentation)*
- 6th VFW – Veterans’ Benefits *(new presentation)*
- 7th LIGO *(new presentation; chapter made a site visit, October 2014)*
- 7th The Reach *(update; last presentation, January 2012)*
- 7th Young Marine Program *(new presentation)*
- 8th Animal Rescue – program overview; where to make donations *(new presentation)*
- 8th CBC Planetarium

PROGRAMS – Future Ideas *(New; brought forward)*

- Aviation History in the Tri-Cities – presentation by Malin Bergstrom, president, Bergstrom Aircraft, Pasco** *(Note: Check if this can tie into Pasco Old Airport Tower restoration; POC: Mary Binder)*
- Pasco Old Airport Tower – restoration** *(POC: Mary Binder)*
- Franklin County Historical Society – newly remodeled museum** *(POC: Mary Binder)*
- Vista Field – reuse plans** *(POC: Mary Binder)*
- Local/Regional Wine Industry/Wine Programs – WSU/Walla Walla programs; vineyard – how, what, why, where; winemakers – careers, background, successes, etc.; starting a winery**
(Liz Bowers suggestion)
- Local Micro Brews** *(Liz Bowers suggestion)*
- Local Distillers** *(Liz Bowers suggestion)*
- Decluttering – challenges and tips** *(POC: Mary Binder)*
- Central Basin Audubon Society** *(POC: Steve Howes)*
- Service dogs – training and types of service** *(POC: Mary Binder)*
- WSU Extension Service/Master Gardeners – programs, training** *(POC: Larry Williams; still pursuing)*
- City of Kennewick’s “Bridge to Bridge” Redevelopment** *(POC: Larry Williams; Larry pursuing for a possible May program)*
- Drones – uses and challenges** *(POC: Larry Williams)*
- Port Directors – update on port activities**
- CBC’s Culinary Arts Program**
- Women Helping Women – a women/children focused program**

CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL PROGRAMS – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS

- Dust Devils – 2018 schedule has been published and is ready for the May meeting.**
- White Bluffs/Ringold – history and current status** *(POC: Steve Howes; Lorie will talk with Steve)*
- Hanford Reach National Monument** *(POC: Steve Howes; Lorie will talk with Steve)*
- MCBONES Research Center Foundation, Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site** *(POC: Lorie Bennett; on hold)*
- Pacific Northwest Regional Observatory/CBC Planetarium** *(POCs: Mary Binder, Larry Williams) possibly in 2016; Larry said he has talked with POC Mike Brady regarding a tour)*
- Lamb Weston – tour** *(re-contacted; awaiting a reply; POC Lorie)*
- WSU Wine Science Center** *(tour; possibly before or after the WSF May convention; POC: Mary Binder)*
- Registering Voters** *(Johanna suggestion; she updated the board on the feasibility of doing this as a way to provide NARFE/the chapter exposure; volunteers would be needed; she’ll continue to get more information, e.g., would this be feasible before the November elections)*
- Moore Mansion tour – Based on input from some chapter members after Brad Peck’s May presentation, Larry suggested a tour of the Moore Mansion with a chapter donation to the mansion’s restoration fund. Mary said she’d contact Brad to see if this would be possible.**
- McNary Wildlife Refuge Tour – POC Lorie Bennett**