

NARFE Chapter 1192
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2008

CALL TO ORDER – President Nancy Crosby called the meeting to order, 1:25 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. Attending: Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Mary Goldie; Phil LaMont; Anne Ross; Nancy Schreckhise.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

01/07/09 Travel opportunities, Genie Tours. President Nancy said she'd check with Verneice Skinner to ensure this is still confirmed. The Board briefly discussed exploring whether Genie Tours could organize a tour for the Chapter.

02/04/09 RailEx operation. Carl is trying to confirm this for February. (Note: This operation was recently featured on the History Channel.)

03/04/09 Rod Coler Center and its services. Phil will explore this as a program option.

04/01/09 Terry/Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers. Johanna has confirmed this program.

Future program ideas – Other program options under consideration (brought forward):

Advanced Medical, Spaulding Business Park (Mable said this is a new concept for the area – one-stop care; Medicare accepted.)

Social Security/Medicare and interface with health-care plans (Carl/Johanna)

Update on the U.S. Army Umatilla Chemical Depot's weapons disposal program (Mary Binder)

American Cancer Society

Area senior housing options

Long-term care ombudsman program (Carl)

Tri-Cities Wine Society or wine industry representatives (Mary Binder)

Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau and its programs (Mary Binder)

OFFICERS

President – No report.

1st Vice president – No report.

2nd Vice president – No report.

Secretary – No report.

Treasurer – Phil thanked everyone who helped checking in members at today's meeting. President Nancy said this is a two-person job.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Board members commented that last month's donations and white elephant auction resulted in the largest amount the Chapter has ever taken in during a meeting. The Board discussed making the white elephant auction an annual November event for Alzheimer's month.

Hospitality – Carl stated the \$12 per person bid the Red Lion submitted for next year's luncheons is all inclusive. While not a moneymaker, the price will still allow the Chapter to at least break even. The Board discussed adding the menu to the meeting announcements in Chapter newsletters.

Legislative – No report.

Membership – President Nancy reported the November NARFE *Recruiter's Journal* credited Johanna Caylor with 16 members and Sig Preston with 1.

NARFE-PAC – No report.

Newsletter – Mary Binder and President Nancy will be putting together the January/February newsletter for Johanna. Newsletter input is due to Mary by Dec. 9. The Board discussed newsletter input, including keeping input short to maximize the space in 2 pages; using bullet format vs. text when possible; again including legislative contacts; using numerals vs. text for hidden numbers; adding luncheon menus for the pertinent months; and, including a reminder about updating e-mail addresses. Mary said her goal was to have the newsletter completed by Dec. 12.

Public Relations – No report.

Service Officers/Callers – Mary Goldie and Nancy Schreckhise reported they are discussing when to take callers to lunch as a thank you for all they do. President Nancy and Carl said they'd also like to attend.

Sunshine Committee – Anne Ross reported she'd received a supply of cards from Mary Binder. She asked about her annual Sunshine Report and the period of time it covers. President Nancy confirmed it covers from July – June, which is the Chapter's fiscal year. Nancy also reminded Anne she can get reimbursed at any time for expenses such as cards and stamps; she does not need to wait.

Website – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Food Drive – President Nancy said she forgot to include the food drive reminder for the callers and in the newspaper announcement for December. Nancy proposed having the food drive in February to help resupply area food bank shelves after the holidays. The items some members brought to today’s meeting would be held until February. An announcement will be included in the next Chapter newsletter.

State Convention – The Board discussed providing information about the Convention in the upcoming Chapter newsletter, including a reminder about being a “booster” member. Mary shared with the Board a letter she received from the Wenatchee chapter, hosts for the 2009 Convention, regarding chapter door prizes and “booster” support for the Convention. Carl volunteered to let the Wenatchee chapter know Chapter 1192 would provide a door prize and be “booster” supporters when he next makes a trip to Wenatchee.

Honorary Memberships – Mary Binder said Don Binder had committed at the October EB meeting to submit a change to the Chapter’s bylaws to reflect the new changes from honorary to distinguished memberships. However, in reviewing the Chapter bylaws, there is no reference to honorary memberships. Carl shared that the new category will be in NARFE’s new bylaws, which are still being finalized after September’s national convention. The Board agreed that with the reference in NARFE’s bylaws, there did not need to be a Chapter bylaws change. As has been the practice, chapters can do what they want regarding chapter dues.

NEW BUSINESS

GEICO Public Service Awards – President Nancy shared information she received regarding this GEICO competition. Nominations would cover individuals making a difference in one of four categories: substance abuse and prevention; fire prevention and safety; physical rehabilitation; and, traffic safety. Nomination deadline is Jan. 31. Submit names to Nancy.

Name Tags – President Nancy said the vendor providing name tags/badges has gone out of business and NARFE Headquarters will advise when another vendor is available. Officer pins can be ordered from Headquarters.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:27 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Secretary