

**NARFE Chapter 1192**  
**Executive Board Meeting Minutes, December 2, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Nancy Crosby called the meeting to order, 1:12 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick. Present: Nancy; Don Binder; Mary Binder; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Carolyn Reeploeg; and, Mable Rutt.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**01/06/10** Dr. Travis Carter, podiatrist, foot care for seniors (Confirmed/Mary Binder)

**02/03/10** Sunset Gardens, options to consider (Tentative/Carl Gallion)

**03/03/10** Long-Term Care Policies (Tentative/Carl Gallion and Carolyn Reeploeg)

**04/07/10** Terry/Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers (Confirmed/Johanna Caylor)

**05/05/10** Recycling – what can/cannot be recycled (Tentative/Mary Binder)

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

*Contacting OPM/other agencies* – what you/your family need to know/have

*Advanced Medical, Spaulding Business Park* (Mable Rutt said this is a new concept for the area)

*Social Security/Medicare and interface with healthcare plans* (Carl/Johanna)

*American Cancer Society*

*Area senior housing options* (Verneice Skinner/possible 2010 program; Nancy will call Verneice)

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

**OFFICERS**

**President** – No report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice president** – No report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president** – No report.

**Secretary** – The Board discussed updating the Form 7 with new officer and chair names, and the challenges using the NARFE website to do so. Besides trying to use that system, Mary will ensure Paul Shell, Federation secretary, has the information.

**Treasurer** – President Nancy, also acting treasurer, said Joanne Shadel will still do the required audit of the Chapter books prior to year end.

**District Vice president** – No additional report.

**COMMITTEES**

**Alzheimer's** – The Board discussed the past tradition of delivering a check from the Chapter's Alzheimer's fund at the annual Federation conventions, but that last year, that resulted in the Chapter not getting credit at the convention for all it had contributed. The Board recommended keeping the Chapter's Alzheimer's account balance as low as possible to keep the account open and ensuring all other funds are sent to the Federation Alzheimer's chairman for further forwarding.

**Hospitality** – Chairman Carl Gallion said the good news is that Chapter meetings can still be at the Red Lion hotel next year. As reported at the Chapter meeting, he is still finalizing next year's menu and costs with the hotel.

**Legislative** – No additional report.

**Membership** – For Chairman Johanna Caylor, Nancy reported she'd received a \$230 check from the Federation for various categories of membership and tied into the Chapter's MAP. She also stated there were 5 new memberships not reflected in the check.

**NARFE-PAC** – No additional report.

**Newsletter** – President Nancy said articles are due to her or Mary Binder by December 11 for the January/February newsletter. The Board discussed printing options, e.g., B&B Express Printing and Click to Mail, to help ease the workload for those involved and to keep costs down. For the next edition, the permit the Chapter has shared with the Richland VFW can still be used. Mary and Nancy agreed to meet with James King at B&B to get more information on costs using B&B. Nancy will also try to get additional information on using Click to Mail. The Board concurred that the Chapter newsletter is an important communication tool. **[Reminder: Articles are due the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, every other month. Articles are due to Mary Binder or Nancy Crosby by December 11 for the January/February newsletter. Following is the due-date schedule for 2010: February 12; April 9; June 11 (optional; use if we want to do a letter covering July/August); August 13; October 8; and, December 10. This allows for editing, production and distribution in a timely manner.]**

**Public Relations** – No additional report.

**Service Officers/Callers** – No additional report.

**Sunshine Committee** – New chairman, Carolyn Reeploeg, and President Nancy had discussed possibly changing the name for this committee. Nancy reviewed the Chapter bylaws and this would require a bylaw change. The Board opted to make no change to the name. The Board discussed the importance of members getting information to Carolyn regarding cards that need to be sent. Carolyn stated that Anne Ross had turned material over to her, e.g., cards, mugs, etc., but, to date, she'd not found any stamps Carl offered to print Chapter return address labels for Carolyn to use. (Carolyn's contact information is: [jdmcer@juno.com](mailto:jdmcer@juno.com) or 375-1229.)

**Web site** – No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Dues referendum** – Don Binder and Carl shared that they learned at the November Federation meeting that many NARFE chapters had not completed and/or returned the ballot correctly. Therefore, it would not be counted. Mary Binder confirmed that, as secretary, she certified the ballot, and correctly completed and submitted it. She made a copy of what she sent for Chapter records.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Sunshine Committee chairman** – See above.

## **Conventions**

- Federation 2010 Convention – Carl said the Chapter should be receiving Convention information around mid to late January. The Chapter has 11 delegates and 3 delegates at large for a total of 14 Chapter delegates/votes. In response to President Nancy's question about resolutions for the Convention, Carl said the focus has primarily been on the dues referendum and its potential impact to chapters if it passes. [**Convention: May 17-19, Everett, Wash.**]
- Future National conventions – Carl reported that future National convention locations would be decided by NARFE's national officers and its 10 regional vice presidents through a subcommittee process to hopefully facilitate in the decision process. The Chapter budget has \$500 for the Convention (\$250/each for 2 members who usually attend). The Board discussed potentially increasing this amount if more members attend, but opted to review the issue again closer to the Convention and/or when it has a better understanding of how many members will be attending.

**Questions** – From Mary Binder:

- Johanna Caylor's comments on the Federation P&P Plan – per the Board, OBE, as they arrived after the Federation's November 18 meeting. No further action required.
- E-mail from NARFE President Margaret Baptiste regarding appropriate use of NARE e-mail – has Chapter 1192 been in violation. Per discussion, the Board is not aware of any Chapter violations.
- Federation President Sandra Cagle's e-mail regarding adding the proposed NARFE license plate frame to NARFE's General Store. The Board agreed there would most likely be a market for this item. Carl offered to close the loop and respond.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – 2:31 p.m.

**Prepared by:**

*Mary Alice Binder, Secretary*