

NARFE Chapter 1192
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, December 1, 2010

CALL TO ORDER 1st Vice President Don Binder called the meeting to order for President Gary Hagedorn who could not attend, 1:20 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick. Board members present: Don; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett; Johanna Caylor; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Nancy Schreckhise.

PROGRAMS – Upcoming

- 01/05/11 *Dispute Resolution Center, Paul Shelp, executive director*** (confirmed; Mary Goldie)
(Note: This reflects a change from the Volunteer Center/Cathy Merrill Holle, Executive Director, scheduled at the time of the board meeting. Volunteer Center subsequently announced its closing.)
- 02/02/11 *Energy Employees Occupational Illness, Gail Splett, DOE/Hanford PM***
(tentative; Mable Rutt)
- 03/02/11 *Gangs and the Tri-Cities – what you need to know, Mike Blatman, crime prevention specialist, Kennewick Police Dept.*** (confirmed; Don Binder)
- 04/06/11 *Antique Appraisers, Terry and Kathy Maurer*** (confirmed; Johanna Caylor)
- 05/04/11 *Wine Industry in Washington State*** (tentative; Mary Binder)
- 06/01/11 *Recap of Washington State Federation Convention*** (confirmed; convention attendees)

PROGRAMS – Future Ideas – (New/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*)
- 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*)
- American Cancer Society**
- Area senior housing options** (*Verneice Skinner/possible 2010 program; Nancy will call Verneice*)
- Recycling opportunities in the Tri-Cities region** (*Mary Binder*)

OFFICERS

President – Gary Hagedorn. No report.

1st Vice President – Don Binder. No report.

2nd Vice President – Carl Gallion. No report.

Secretary – Mary Binder. No report.

Treasurer – Nancy Crosby. No additional report. As Nancy was not able to attend the meeting, the Board agreed to revisit the 2011 budget at a future meeting. Nancy Schreckhise collected the monies at the meeting for Nancy Crosby. **[Reminder: At the September Board meeting, Nancy asked officers/committee chairmen to provide her budget input for their respective areas not later than November 1.]**

District Vice President – Steve Anderson. No additional report.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Chairman Bill Darke. No additional report.

Hospitality – Chairman Carl Gallion. Carl reported he signed the Chapter's 2011 contract with the Red Lion for meetings and meals. The deadline was November 18. The contract reflects a \$1.00 per member/per meal increase. Carl made the following motion: *that the Chapter absorb the \$1.00 increase on a trial basis for the 6-month period January – June 2011, then re-visit the issue prior to the Chapter meetings resuming in September.* The Board discussed pros/cons to doing this, including using it as an incentive to encourage members to attend meetings to caution as it may be setting a precedent that could not be continued in the future. Board members voted unanimously to support the motion. Board members also discussed and agreed to having another "bucket" for donations for the additional meal costs as there are for the newsletter, Alzheimer's, etc.

Legislative – Co-chairs Mary and Don Binder. Don again mentioned that he and Mary are planning to attend NARFE's Legislative Workshop in March, Washington, D.C.

Membership – Chairman Johanna Caylor. No additional report

NARFE-PAC – Chairman Don Binder. No additional report.

Newsletter – Chairman Johanna. Mary Binder reminded members that articles are due to her Friday, December 10, for the January/February chapter newsletter.

Public Relations – Chairman Gary Hagedorn. No report. [**Note: December meeting announcement was not in the *Tri-City Herald*, Sunday, November 28.**]

Service Office – Co-chairs Mary Goldie and Nancy Schreckhise. Nancy reported that the Service Office has coverage for December. A Service Officer replacement is still needed as Mary and Nancy have resigned their positions effective December 31, 2010.

Caller Coordinator – New Caller Coordinator is Pam Griffin. Nancy Schreckhise reported that Pam sent out the letter for callers to use for the December meeting. Pam is also currently working 3 calling lists; Nancy has 2 lists and needs someone to take those for her as she'll be out of town soon.

Sunshine Committee – Marcia Lingle. No additional report.

Web site – Larry Williams. Don said that he wanted to ensure both meeting menus and programs get to Larry for posting on the Chapter web site.

OLD BUSINESS

Chapter bylaws revision – on hold. (*Don Binder*)

Chapter timeline of activities/events – no progress. (*Larry Williams*)

Wireless microphone for meetings – path forward – Board members agreed that renting the equipment from the hotel is too costly. Continue exploring other options. (*Larry/Mary Goldie*)

Position descriptions – Don asked members to ensure they've reviewed their job descriptions, including looking at what's on NARFE's website.

NARFE mugs – Johanna had ordered mugs for the Chapter at the fall NARFE National Convention. Nancy Crosby has not received them. Johanna will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 membership goals – Don said he wants to have a special Board meeting to discuss recruiting and retaining members.

NARFE legislative initiatives – Don reported that "holding onto what we have" will be a key focus for NARFE in working with the 112th Congress.

Public Relations Plan and proposed change – Mary Binder said she'd still not completed a draft PR plan but was projecting to have that for the Board's January meeting. She also proposed that the secretary's position assume PR duties on a trial basis for the coming year. She said with her PR background, she believed this change is something she could do. Board members concurred.

Vacant positions and/or replacements needed – Don said that he still is looking for a Service Officer. Also, as president, Don said he does not believe he should be the Chapter NARFE-PAC chairman, so he will be looking for a replacement.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Secretary