

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2023, 1:30 p.m., Virtual

Zoom – President Nancy Crosby

The meeting was called to order (1:34) by Nancy with a reminder to attendees to please mute their electronic devices. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Officer and Committee Reports

President Nancy:

- Nancy reported that she and Mary Binder continue to work on updating portions of our Chapter's by-laws. There are a lot of changes that need to be made. Board members were asked to read through the by-laws for possible suggested changes.
- Group activities for CY 2024 to include one (and possibly two) Dust Devils games (June 22 and September 7). A minimum of 25 people must attend a game for the Chapter to meet the Dust Devil's organizational charge (\$750). Attached to this document is a listing of other possible activities presented by Chapter members for consideration.

Vice President: Mary Binder

Due to Mary's upcoming travel schedule, she was asked by Nancy to provide a written schedule as well as any requests for assistance Chapter members could provide in her absence (e.g. table decoration set up).

Hospitality Coordinator: Nancy

In the January/February Chapter newsletter, Nancy will provide a write up on the change of venue for the monthly Chapter meetings from Red Lion (Kennewick) to Clover Island Inn (Kennewick). Member feedback on the venue and meals is requested. Mary asked if the Clover Island Inn location is on the Chapter website (Nancy will check). Also, any reference to Red Lion on the website will need to be changed. Mary will check with the Chamber of Commerce to see if our Chapter's meeting time/date/location needs to be changed.

Service Officer (Acting): Nancy or Ellen

Nothing to report. Reminder of Webinars. Nancy reported she has received some calls on Medicare Part D and while she did answer questions as best she could and directed them to BC/BS.

Treasurer: Liz Bowers

- Liz was unable to attend; however, she did provide relevant documents.
- Draft 2024 Chapter Budget (rev 2) was provided. A potential money saver to the Chapter could be reimbursement of some funding for Federation training. Board meeting is coming up next week and Mary will alert us should a discussion on upcoming Federation meetings (e.g. August meeting in St. Louis).
- Current balance in the Chapter's account \$21,277.83 (as of December 1). The December luncheon has yet to be paid.

Secretary: Debbie Carlson

- The next Chapter Executive Board (virtual) meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 1:30.
- Notify secretary when out of town, not on computer or phone, ill, etc.

WSF: DVP I Mary

- Recruitment is on the top of the list for Federations during 2024.
- Federation website has been changed: NARFE.org/WA

- Region IX Training Workshop will be held on October 24-26, 2024, here in the Tri-Cities. Mary has stressed to the planning committee that our Chapter will not be responsible for the bulk of the Workshop. No report on possible Workshop costs yet.
- A reminder was made concerning the Virtual December 27, 10:00 a.m., WSF Advisory Committee Meeting - Chapter members can attend the meeting (contact Linda Wallers at wallersl@yahoo.com). Mary noted that if you have attended a previous meeting, you will probably be automatically invited to future meetings. The primary focus of the meeting will be the budget and an update on recruiting.

Newsletter/Public Relations/Outreach: *Mary*

- The January/February Chapter newsletter has been sent to the printer and will be out to Chapter members by the January 3 meeting.
- Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce – as of December 18 there is nothing scheduled for January or February (no meeting was held in December).
- The 2024 Outreach Action Plan will provide up to \$1,000.00 per Chapter for 50-percent matching funds from the Federation. Paperwork must be provided to justify the spent funding.

Legislative: *Mary*

- Documentation on what the NARFE-PAC is will be provided at the January 3, 2024, Chapter meeting.

Alzheimer's Coordinator: *Larry Williams (Debbie Carlson to be backup)*

Mary reported that she has taken care of "old" Federation Chapter checks and coordinated the processing of the checks for Lorie Bennett who had to step down as Federation Alzheimer's coordinator for health reasons. As the position is vacant, funds are now sent directly to the Alzheimer's Association (also included is a cover letter and Excel sheet that needs to be completed). Other than \$4.00 cash from the December meeting, all funding for the Chapter's Alzheimer's fund is up to date.

Webmaster: *Larry Williams*

Larry was unable to attend this meeting, but he will continue as webmaster until the new WordPress system is installed, at which time Nancy will take the appropriate training and then assume duties as webmaster.

Membership Coordinator: *Johanna Caylor*

- Reports continued to be checked daily for new names showing up on reports.
- Darleen and Nancy requested an updated list of contact information on new people.

Sunshine Coordinator: *Faye Vlieger*

- Faye will not be at January's Chapter meeting (February is iffy) (due to upcoming surgery).
- Request for Larry's sister's (Blanche's) full name.
- Ray White's daughter was sent a sympathy card.
- Faye requested information on past chapter member Jolene Kuhns. Johanna said she passed on October 15 and her obituary was in the paper probably a week later. Her husband, Joe, was a past Chapter president and passed away in 2021.
- Information on past Chapter member Eilleen Hughes Jackson was requested. Johanna will provide the necessary information.

Caller Coordinator: Darleen Wall

- Darleen specifically asked Nancy if she could take over some pickup/slack in calling. Nancy currently has the availability to continue to make these calls and wants to contact new folks personally.

2023/2024 PROJECTED MEETING PROGRAMS DISCUSS NEW IDEAS

- 01/03/24 TR!DEC (Tri-City Development Council) and/ Hanford Communities updates from David Reeploeg, TR!DEC VP, federal programs; Hanford Communities executive director (Confirmed; POC: Mary Binder)**
- 02/07/24 Sean O'Brien, president, executive director, Energy Forward Alliance, to provide an overview of this new alliance, and insight into the legislative process (Tentative; POC: Mary Binder)**
- 03/06/24**
- 04/03/24 Terry/Kathy Maurer, local antique appraisers, return to the chapter to provide and update on the world of antiques, answer questions and discuss/appraise items members bring (Confirmed, pending board approval; POC: Mary Binder)**
- 05/01/24 Alzheimer's Research update, Alexis Bonoff, community outreach manager, Washington State Chapter, Alzheimer's Association (Confirmed, pending board approval; POC: Mary Binder)**
- 06/05/24**
- 09/04/24**
- 10/02/24**
- 11/06/24 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund – members bring items for the auction. (Tentative; remind members to bring items, cash/checkbook; POC: ??)**
- 12/04/24 Holiday Music**

For upcoming meeting programs, Mary reported that she had a discussion with Julie Wiley from Arts Center Task Force whereby she said she would like to make another presentation to the Chapter (Mary is suggesting March). She will follow up. The February speaker (Sean O'Brien from Energy Forward Alliance) has not yet been confirmed as of this meeting.

Open Discussion: Nancy

John will not be at the February or March meetings.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Suggestions for Programs and Social Events 2024

Make a Wish

Requests for end of life for adults (nonprofit excellent presentation) -Layna Kinsman

Nutritionist

Meals on Wheels

Arts Events Task Force – Allied Arts

Social Events

Gallery at the Park Allied Arts

Visit the TC Annual Quilt Show

Planetarium (CBC)

Bowling

Book Club just for members

Baseball or hockey games

River Cruise Lunch or Dinner

Ice Harbor Dam Tour

Wine tasting -local or Walla Walla

Field trips to special places, i.e., gardens, museums, etc.

Dust Devils Baseball Game – Nancy Scheduled

Horse Ranch on Red Mountain – covered wagon holds 10 people- goes through vineyards

Meet at a winery!

Picnic in the Park

Master Gardeners