

NARFE Chapter 1192
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, February 3, 2010

CALL TO ORDER President Nancy Crosby called the meeting to order, 1:23 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick. Present: Nancy; Mary Binder; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Mary Goldie; Mable Rutt; Bob Stewart; and, Larry Williams.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

03/03/10 Gail Splett, DOE/Hanford program manager, Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (Tentative; Nancy Crosby will pursue)

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

05/05/10 Recycling programs/options (Tentative; Mary Binder exploring getting a speaker)

06/02/10 Recap of WSFC annual convention (Carl Gallion/other Chapter attendees)

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

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)

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.

1st Vice president – No additional report.

2nd Vice president – No report.

Secretary – No report.

Treasurer – President Nancy and new treasurer, Bob Stewart, will meet after the Board meeting and go to the bank to complete paperwork to authorize Bob to sign checks. Nancy also said that Joanne Shadel completed and certified the Chapter's financial books covering the period July 2008 through January 2010. Certification was January 23, 2010.

District Vice president – Carl said he would have information for the next Chapter newsletter about the District workshop in Yakima, April 23, and would have registration forms at the Chapter's March meeting. The Chapter normally pays the registration for those who attend from the Chapter. Look for more discussion about the workshop at the March Chapter meeting.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Chairman Bill Darke and Board members again discussed the issue of the November Alzheimer's Research donation checks still not being cashed; members who wrote checks confirmed they have not cleared their checking accounts. This issue has surfaced at the Federation level as other chapters have experienced the same thing. Carl said he will call the point of contact, Teri Sannar, Federation Alzheimer's chairman.

Hospitality – No additional report.

Legislative – No additional report.

Membership – For Chairman Johanna Caylor, President Nancy explained that in January the Chapter received \$230 for membership activities as part of its Membership Action Plan (MAP). From that amount, \$198.50 was issued in the form of rebates. Nancy also reported that about \$80 from previous rebates is still outstanding; many members never cash the rebate checks; they are void after 90 days.

NARFE-PAC – No additional report.

Newsletter – Articles for the March/April Chapter newsletter are due to Mary Binder not later than Friday, February 12. President Nancy said she needs to have the newsletter finalized and mailed not later than February 22 or 23. Mary suggested having a boxed announcement in the Chapter's next 2 newsletters soliciting program ideas for future meetings. **[Reminder: Articles are due the 2nd**

Friday, every other month. The remainder of the 2010 due-date schedule is: 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 – Co-Chairman Mary Goldie discussed with the Board the issue regarding members who have requested “Do Not Call” and who consistently do not return messages left by callers requesting an RSVP, yes or no. Should these members be removed from a caller’s list? The Board concurred; such members should be removed from a caller’s list.

Sunshine Committee – No additional report.

Web site – Chairman Larry Williams said a \$12 payment is due for the annual domain name renewal; he’ll ensure the treasurer gets the bill.

OLD BUSINESS

NARFE Dues Referendum – Carl reported that in talking with WSFC President Sandy Cagle he learned many Federations are upset that by less than 1% the dues referendum did not pass. He said Federations are preparing resolutions to present at the NARFE 2010 National Convention, where a vote is expected.

Distinguished Members – President Nancy proposed recognizing the local members in this category at the Chapter’s April meeting, with the Chapter paying for their lunch. Nancy said she believes the April program with antique appraisers Terry and Kathy Maurer might be something these members would enjoy. The Board concurred; Nancy and Carl will coordinate this initiative.

NEW BUSINESS

WSFC Convention – President Nancy, Secretary Mary and District VP Carl have each received the packets with information and forms for the May 2010 WSFC convention in Everett. The Board discussed several issues regarding the convention:

- Several deadlines are in March, including signing up to serve on committees. To date, Mary Goldie, VP Carl and President Nancy are on committees.
- President Nancy will work with Johanna to compile the Chapter’s list of deceased members since last year’s convention for recognition at this year’s convention.
- Booster form was circulated to the Board; \$7 collected. The form will be at the March meeting for Chapter members who want to sign and donate \$1.
- Other convention forms will also be available for members at the March meeting.
- The Board approved a half-page ad for the convention program; Secretary Mary will contact Mike Ferri, ad point of contact, for clarification on the measurements provided.
- Possible Federation resolutions – President Nancy and VP Carl said there would most likely be discussion about the Federation going to a bi-annual convention and holding it on the years without a NARFE national convention; and, discussion about not accepting nominations from the floor for Federation officer positions. Both resolutions would require changing Federation bylaws. (Note: the Board discussed reviewing the Chapter’s bylaws; opted to undertake a review after the Federation Convention in case there are changes that might impact the Chapter’s bylaws.

National Convention –

- President Nancy said registration information is in the January *NARFE* magazine.
- Chapter members wanting to serve on a committee need to submit the required application to Nancy for approval. It is then sent to Federation President Sandy Cagle and Regional VP Lanny Ross for approval before forwarding to NARFE National, with receipt not later than March 15.
- The Board discussed and approved an increase from \$500 to \$1,000 the amount budgeted to help reimburse Chapter members attending the Convention for expenses incurred, with a maximum of \$250 provided to any one member.

Missing Chapter Banner – The Chapter’s banner has been missing since the November meeting. President Nancy said she contacted Johanna about the banner and that while she does not believe she has it, Johanna said if she does, it would be in the trunk of her car. As she is out of town for the winter, the Board concurred with waiting to order a replacement until Johanna returns/checks her car.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:31 p.m.

Prepared by:

Mary Alice Binder
Secretary