

NARFE Chapter 1192
Board Meeting Minutes, February 2, 2011

CALL TO ORDER President Don Binder called the meeting to order, 1:40 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick. Board members present: Don; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Mable Rutt; Larry Williams. Board members reviewed the upcoming confirmed and tentative programs, and discussed some of the future ideas for later this year and 2012.

PROGRAMS – Upcoming

- 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 *Umatilla Chemical Depot – updates: weapons disposal; depot reuse* (tentative; Mary Binder)
06/01/11 *Recap of Washington State Federation Convention* (confirmed; convention attendees)
09/07/11 *Wine Industry in Washington State* (tentative; Mary Binder)
10/05/11 *Contacting OPM/other agencies: Using a computer and the F-100 to get what you/your family need to know/have* (tentative; Lorie Bennett and Nancy Crosby)
11/02/11 *White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund* (confirmed; Bill Darke)
12/07/11 *Tri-City Tappers and Silk Stockings* (tentative – Carl check on the room availability; Mary Binder)

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)
Advanced Medical, Spaulding Business Park (Mable Rutt said this is a new concept for the area)
American Cancer Society
Area senior housing options (Nancy Crosby will call Verneice Skinner regarding overall focus)
Recycling opportunities in the Tri-Cities region (Mary Binder)
Antique Appraisers, Terry and Kathy Maurer (Johanna will check their availability for April 2012)

OFFICERS

President – Don Binder said:

- He will ask Regional VP Lanny Ross about a NARFE certificate recognizing the Chapter's 40th anniversary.
- Carl Gallion will conduct the March meeting as Don will be out of town on business.

1st Vice President – Carl Gallion. No report.

2nd Vice President – Lorie Bennett. No report.

Secretary – Mary Binder. No report.

Treasurer – Nancy Crosby. Regarding NARFE National Treasurer Charles Saylor's memo on disbursing chapter funds, this is not an issue for Chapter 1192.

District Vice President – Steve Anderson. (See Chapter business below.)

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Chairman Bill Darke. Bill reported that he received \$31 in donations at the meeting. He will send Secretary Mary Binder a coupon template to use in the next NARFE newsletter to hopefully make it convenient for/encourage those not attending the Chapter's meetings to make donations through Bill so the Chapter receives credit.

Caller Coordinator – Pam Griffin. Don said he will talk with Pam about issues involving those members on the "Do Not Call" list and ensuring callers are making their calls so there are accurate lunch counts.

Hospitality – Chairman Carl Gallion. Carl will check with the hotel regarding available space for the December meeting program – would need the same set up as for December 2010 program.

Legislative – Co-chairs Mary and Don Binder. Both are scheduled to attend the NARFE Legislative Training Workshop, March 5-8, Washington, D.C. Also, there are many issues NARFE is currently monitoring; watching for updates on GEMS is a good way for members to stay current.

Membership – Chairman Johanna Caylor. Johanna reported:

- She has received the new M-114 report with membership updates; she is reviewing it.
- The Chapter's annual membership Action Plan is due before the end of April; Johanna will be preparing that plan.

NARFE-PAC – Chairman Carl Gallion. He is waiting for the new PAC pins.

Newsletter – Chairman Johanna. WSFC Sandy Cagle sent an e-mail reminding chapters to review their points of contact information, especially elected officials, as she was still seeing out-dated information.

[Note: Chapter newsletter article deadlines for 2011 are: February 11; April 8; June 10; August 12; October 7; December 9.]

Parliamentarian – Mable Rutt. No report.

Public Relations – Chairman Mary Binder. Mary reported:

- She'll be contacting the *Tri-City Herald's* new business editor, Kathy Korengel, regarding placement of the Chapter's meeting announcements. The February placement was good, resulting in 2 people attending the meeting because of seeing the announcement.
- She has drafted a Public Relations Action Plan (copies were handed out to the Board for review and comment). She had submitted the draft to WSFC PR Chairman Sam Cagle for his initial feedback. Final is due to him March 1.
- The February/March/April WSFC *Federation Reporter* is out. (Mary had copies for Board members.)

Service Office – Chairman Lorie Bennett. No additional report.

Sunshine Committee – Marcia Lingle. No additional report. The Board received a brief update on Deacon Al Rizzo, who has been ill.

Web site – Larry Williams.

- Larry provided the Board a brief history on the Chapter's web site. In 2005, former Chapter President Clark Crouch designed the site and established an arrangement with Cline Communications, Richland, to host the site as a \$36/year donation. It is a "basic plan." The Chapter does pay an annual \$12 domain registration fee. Another hosting option for the Chapter is through NARFE headquarters; this option was explored at one time, but the decision was to leave the hosting with Cline. He will explore upgrade options with Cline.
- Some time ago, Larry did attend a workshop hosted by WSFC PR Chairman Sam Cagle on web sites. Per Larry, Sam liked our site – it was simple and easy to use.
- Larry said the current Chapter site does have links to NARFE national and state sites.
- The Board discussed having a backup for Larry; Lorie Bennett has the skills needed and volunteered.

OTHER CHAPTER BUSINESS

Chapter Alzheimer's and PAC job descriptions – Bill and Carl have provided drafts to President Don.

Chapter bylaws revision – Carl, Lorie and Johanna will be meeting and have an updated draft in March.

Chapter/NARFE timeline of activities/events – Larry Williams has researched some options; Mary and Larry will get together and continue working on a template and contents.

Combined Districts I/V workshops – Don reminded Board members the workshop is Thursday, April 28, Pillar Rock Grill, Moses Lake. District VP Steve Anderson is developing an agenda; feedback to him is due by the end of February. Cost will be about \$14 to cover lunch. The Board discussed carpooling.

Federation Convention –

- As of the Board meeting, registration/other convention forms had not been sent out; they were expected out soon.
- Don reported there is a standing rules amendment being finalized.
- Don also reported there may be an amendment from Eastern Washington chapters proposing returning to annual vs. semi-annual conventions. This will be discussed at the April Districts I/V workshop.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS – March 17, Tri-City Country Club (tentative), 10:30 a.m. [April, to be determined; May and June, after Chapter meeting; July, no meeting; August, to be determined.]

MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:35 p.m.

Prepared by:

Mary Alice Binder
Secretary