

NARFE Chapter 1192
Board Meeting Minutes, January 4, 2012

CALL TO ORDER President Don Binder called the meeting to order just after 1:30 p.m., Kennewick Red Lion Hotel. Board members present: Don; Mary Binder; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Pam Griffin; Frank Griffin; Mable Rutt; Larry Williams.

The Board reviewed/discussed upcoming programs and future ideas. Changes/updates are highlighted in red below.

PROGRAMS – Upcoming

02/01/12 Social Security – Andrea Herboldt, Eastern Washington, public affairs specialist, SSA (re-confirmed; Don Binder)

03/07/12 Area Senior Housing Options – Beth Johnson, information specialist, Aging & Long Term Care of Southeast Washington (being confirmed; Nancy Crosby)

04/04/12 Antique Appraisers Terry and Kathy Maurer (confirmed; Johanna Caylor)

05/02/12 Hanford – past, present and future (confirmed – speaker TBD; Mary Binder will work to confirm name of speaker)

06/06/12 Recap of 2012 Washington State Federation Convention (confirmed; convention attendees)

09/05/12 Elections: Candidates Running for Office (tentative, depending on whether a candidate vs. a staffer could attend; also, a recap of the 2012 NARFE National Convention; Don Binder)

PROGRAMS – Future Ideas (New; brought forward)

Tri-Cities area gang task force (Board discussed revisiting this issue with a focus on the regional task force and/or the Yakima area female police officer who gave a presentation Larry and Johanna attended)

Medical Air Services Association – Chuck McNees (tentative as Chuck is not available until after March; Don Binder)

Emergency Management Representative (moved from February 2012; Don Binder will explore as a future option)

WSU Wine Science Center (Mary Binder; moved from May 2012; Mary recommended waiting until fall 2012 or winter/spring 2013 to allow for more development at the Center)

Fire and safety specialist

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)

American Cancer Society

Recycling opportunities in the Tri-Cities region (Mary Binder)

Umatilla Chemical Depot – closure update (Mary Binder; final update in late 2012 or in 2013, depending on closure activities and the schedule)

OFFICERS

President – Don Binder. From Don:

- Food drive – Carl volunteered to deliver the donations from today's drive (cash/checks and non-perishable items) to the Tri-Cities Food Bank.
- April 19, Districts I/V Workshop, Kennewick Red Lion – agenda ideas still needed.
- May 14 – 16, WSFC Convention, Red Lion Hotel Vancouver on the Quay –
 - He'd like to know in February who is/is not planning to attend. (Tentatively, chapter attendees are: Don and Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Carl Gallion and Nancy Carr; Frank and Pam Griffin. Mary Goldie, Sig Preston and Nancy Schreckhise are also likely to attend.)
 - He recommended to Steve Anderson, District V VP, and Steve recommended to WSFC President Sandy Cagle that NARFE Legislative Director Julie Tagen be the

convention keynote speaker. **[Note: Since the Board meeting, President Cagle has confirmed that Julie is scheduled to be the guest speaker.]**

- Federation Secretary Paul Shell will be sending out registration and other information via e-mail. Mary Binder will be the contact point to get it to other chapter members who need the information and/or are interested in attending the convention.
- Ideas are still being solicited for convention topics. Submit those to Don for forwarding to President Cagle.
- NARFE's 32nd National Convention will be August 26 – 30, Sparks, Nev., near Reno.
 - Don said registration forms should be available this month, with additional information on the NARFE web site as it is finalized. Tentative list of Chapter attendees is: Don and Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Mary Goldie; Sig Preston; Nancy Schreckhise; Larry Williams and guest.
 - Region IX VP Lanny Ross is planning to run for re-election.
 - For the convention banquet, the Board agreed to try to get a table so Chapter attendees could sit together.
- 2012 Service Officer of the Year – nominations are due to NARFE by February 3. The Board discussed the criteria as it relates to our Chapter and agreed not to submit a nomination.

1st Vice President – Carl Gallion. Carl proposed a future Board meeting agenda item – a brainstorming session regarding the Chapter again sponsoring pre-retirement seminars. With NARFE headquarters out of the pre-retirement business, this may be a good time for the Chapter to get back in as it is a good way to raise money while providing a needed service.

2nd Vice President – Lorie Bennett. No report.

Secretary – Mary Binder. The Board agreed to hold its next meeting Thursday, February 9, Tri-City Country Club. Mary will check the availability.

Treasurer – Nancy Crosby. Nancy reminded Board members that her next treasurer's report will reflect a change in available funds with the new year.

District Vice President – Steve Anderson. No report, other than he is working on the workshop.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Chairman Bill Darke. Bill said he collected \$21 at today's meeting.

Caller Coordinator – Pam Griffin. No additional report; she still can use more callers.

Hospitality – Chairman Carl Gallion. No additional report.

Legislative – Co-chairs Don and Mary Binder. Don briefly discussed the redistricting results and potential implications. He said he was planning to send a note to WSFC President Cagle regarding changes to our districts. He and Mary will continue to provide information as it becomes available.

Membership – Chairman Johanna Caylor. Johanna is "snowbirding," but keeping up with reports and other membership issues.

NARFE-PAC – Chairman Carl Gallion. No additional report.

Newsletter – Chairman Johanna Caylor. From Johanna, and Mary, March/April newsletter articles are due to Mary by Friday, February 10. **[Other 2012 article deadline dates are:**

April 13; June 8; August 10; October 12; December 7.]

Parliamentarian – Mable Rutt. No report.

Public Relations – Chairman Mary Binder. No additional report.

Service Office – Chairman Lorie Bennett. No report.

Sunshine Committee – Marcia Lingle/Carolyn Reeploeg. No additional report

Website – Larry Williams. No report. Mary Binder told Larry that soon she should be able to get dates to him for the Chapter master calendar project.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – Thursday, February 9, 10:30 a.m., Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick.

MEETING ADJOURNED – about 2:15 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Secretary