

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2020

President Pat Turner called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m., Zintel Creek Golf Club, Kennewick, Wash., and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Pat; Lorie Bennett; Liz Bowers; Johanna Caylor; Darleen Wall; Nancy Crosby; Faye Vlieger; Larry Williams.

President: Pat Turner

- Pat led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President: Nancy Crosby

- Nancy gave an update on Mary Binder. She is still recuperating with her family in Redmond from an aneurysm she suffered in November. Overall, she is feeling better and continuing to follow up with her specialists. She is not allowed to fly or drive yet and is hoping to make enough progress to be able to travel soon. She appreciated the cards sent from members at the last chapter meeting.
- Nancy also reported that Bob Stewart is recuperating from a medication reaction at a care facility in Yakima. At this time, it is unknown when he will be well enough to come home. Please send cards to his home address, 364 Rockwood Dr. Richland, WA 99252, and his wife will deliver them to Yakima.

Secretary: Faye Vlieger for Mary Binder – Pat thanked Faye Vlieger for filling in while Mary is away recuperating.

- Nothing to report.

Sunshine: Faye Vlieger

- An updated report was provided. The cards to Mary Binder from members at the last chapter meeting were mailed at Faye's expense and donation. A card was sent to Bob Stewart's home address. Johanna let Faye know that Arland Robertson the husband of Betty Robertson passed away and a card will be sent, as well as a past member Vicky Spitz has passed away.

Treasurer: Liz Bowers

- 2020 proposed chapter budget was discussed and amended. At the end of the discussions a vote was taken to approve the budget as amended. The vote passed with a unanimous decision. A copy of the approved budget is attached to these minutes.
- It was noted throughout the budget discussions that this budget is a baseline for the year. The budget will be amended and adjusted for various nonessential items throughout the year as the Board determines further needs and funding constraints.

Public Relations/Newsletter: Nancy Crosby for Mary Binder

- January/February chapter newsletter – has been completed and sent.
- Business cards – Mary had made cards for Pat, no one else has requested any.
- 2020 Chapter 1192 Outreach Action Plan was completed by Nancy. It was approved by WSF PR Chairman Sam Cagle with some changes.

WSF: Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett

- **WSF President Nancy**
 - WSF Nominating Committee – there have been no nominations received.
 - Reminder: WSF 2020 Conference

- May 19-21, Embassy Suites, Lynnwood
 - \$50 WSF “scholarship” for WSF members who attend
- Reminder: FEDcon20
 - August 30 – September 1, Scottsdale
 - TBD: scholarship for WSF members who attend
 - Chapter scholarship for chapter members who attend
 - AMS update – there are many issues with the system in submitting updates and retrieving data and reports.
- **WSF VP Mary** – no report.
- **WSF DVP V Mary** – no report.
- **WSF Alzheimer’s Chairman Lorie** – Lorie reported that statewide our chapter is near the top in contributions.

Committees

Legislative: Mary Binder

- Federal – many retirees will receive a 1.6% COLA in 2020. “The increase will first appear in your February payments.
- Members are urged to contact your congressional representative to support the elimination of the WEP. Use the NARFE Legislative Action Center to send the messages. There is an excellent article in the December *narfe* magazine on page 10.

NARFE-PAC: Nancy Crosby for Bob Stewart

- Nancy is filling in for Bob and has ordered the forms needed to send in contributions. Mary has suggested that Randy Grekowicz be asked to fill the position.

Alzheimer’s: Larry Williams

- HAPO needs a copy of the signed chapter bylaws. A copy was found to provide to HAPO.

Webmaster: Larry Williams

- There is no information to post yet for the WSF 2020 elections, but will be available soon.
- The Chapter menu and meeting programs have been posted.

Membership: Johanna Caylor

- Distinguished members recognition update – Johanna said she is still working to complete this project. There are 51 certificates to award. She provided the board with updated costs on presentation folders, mailing, and envelopes. She is planning to present the certificate, letter, pin and card to the distinguished members who attend the January meeting. She mailed the certificates using donated stamps.
- There is no report available from AMS to show which chapter members have switched to national only membership. Johanna will try to bring these members back to the chapter.

Caller Coordinator: Darleen Wall

- Darleen has continued to work on obtaining good numbers for several members whose listed contact number was no longer good based on the annual calls. She is not receiving responses to her messages. The September annual call list will be updated with the do not call members.
- Lorie will contact some of the Walla Walla members to ask for suggestions on how to get them involved with the chapter.

New Business:

- Chapter scholarships for Conferences and (WSF and FEDCON20) were briefly discussed.
- For the chapter meeting in February President Turner has asked that each committee chair give a one liner of highlights of the committee along with the committee’s goals fir 2020.

2020 PROJECTED MEETING PROGRAMS

- 01/08/20 **PNNL Update** (*confirmed; speaker to be Dr. Kannan Krishnaswami; POC: Mary Binder*)
- 02/05/20 **Jason Mercier, director, Center for Government Reform, Washington Policy Center, Tri-Cities office, will provide an update on the 2020 Washington State legislative session.** (*confirmed, but dependent on the legislature's schedule; POC: Mary Binder*)
- 03/04/20 **Second Harvest food bank presentation.** (POC: Liz Bowers)
- 04/01/20 **Presentation by C. Mark Smith – “Something Extraordinary”** (POC: Nancy Crosby)
- 05/06/20 **Presentation on the Arts Council by Mary Wiley,** (POC: Mary Binder)
- 06/03/20 **WSF Conference Report**
- 09/02/20 **McNary Dam Wildlife Center update** (POC: Lorie Bennett)
- 10/07/20 **FedCon20 update**
- 11/04/20 **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: Larry Williams*)
- 12/02/20 **Holiday Music Program Jeff Peterson and his mellow trumpet will provide a holiday music program.** (POC: Liz Bowers)

2017 BRAINSTORMING SUGGESTED PROGRAMS – from January 2017 chapter meeting (*Mary*)

- 1st **PNNL and Projects – update** (*last presentation, January 2013; tentative, January 2020; POC: Mary*)
- 2nd **Hanford: Advisory board; Resource Center; EEOICP; Toxic Substances & Worker Health – update** (*last presentation, February 2011*)
- 3rd **Benton-Franklin Dal-a-Ride Service** (*new presentation*)
- 4th **Manhattan Project National Park – update** (*last presentation, May 2016, WSF convention*)
- 5th **Habitat for Humanity – update** (*last presentation date, unknown; Linda Bauer, point of contact*)
- 5th **TRIDEC** (*new presentation*)
- 6th **Audubon Society** (*new presentation*)
- 6th **CBC Observatory** (*new presentation*)
- 6th **Richland Citizens Police Academy** (*new presentation; Cerise Peck, 509.528.0245, point of contact*)
- 6th **Tri-City Union Gospel Mission** (*new presentation*)
- 6th **Uber Services** (*new presentation*)
- 6th **Veterans Coalition** (*new presentation*)
- 6th **VFW – Veterans’ Benefits** (*new presentation*)
- 7th **LIGO** (*new presentation; chapter made a site visit, October 2014*)
- 7th **The Reach** (*update; last presentation, January 2012*)
- 7th **Young Marine Program** (*new presentation*)
- 8th **Animal Rescue – program overview; where to make donations** (*new presentation*)
- 8th **CBC Planetarium**

OTHER POSSIBLE FUTURE PROGRAMS – new; brought forward

- Amazon call center, Kennewick – function of the center** (POC: Larry Williams)
- Aviation History in the Tri-Cities – presentation by Malin Bergstrom, president, Bergstrom Aircraft, Pasco** (*Note: Check if this can tie into Pasco Old Airport Tower restoration; POC: Mary Binder*)
- Pasco Old Airport Tower – restoration** (POC: Mary Binder)
- Franklin County Historical Society – newly remodeled museum** (POC: Mary Binder)
- Local/Regional Wine Industry/Wine Programs – WSU/Walla Walla programs; vineyard – how, what, why, where; winemakers – careers, background, successes, etc.; starting a winery** (*Liz Bowers suggestion*)
- Central Basin Audubon Society** (POC: Steve Howes)
- Service dogs – training and types of service** (POC: Mary Binder)
- WSU Extension Service/Master Gardeners – programs, training** (POC: Larry Williams; *still pursuing*)
- City of Kennewick’s “Bridge to Bridge” Redevelopment** (POC: Larry Williams)
- Drones – uses and challenges** (POC: Larry Williams)
- Port Directors – update on port activities**
- CBC’s Culinary Arts Program**
- Women Helping Women – a women/children-focused program**

CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL PROGRAMS – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS

Dust Devils – 2020 (POC: Lorie Bennett)

White Bluffs/Ringold – history and current status (POC: Steve Howes; Lorie will talk with Steve)

Hanford Reach National Monument (POC: Steve Howes; Lorie will talk with Steve)

MCBONES Research Center Foundation, Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site (POC: Lorie Bennett; on hold)

Pacific Northwest Regional Observatory/CBC Planetarium (POCs: Mary Binder, Larry Williams)
possibly in 2016; Larry said he has talked with POC Mike Brady regarding a tour)

Lamb Weston – tour (re-contacted; awaiting a reply; POC Lorie)

WSU Wine Science Center (tour; possibly before or after the WSF May convention; POC: Mary Binder)

Registering Voters (Johanna suggestion; she updated the board on the feasibility of doing this as a way to provide NARFE/the chapter exposure; volunteers would be needed; she'll continue to get more information, e.g., would this be feasible before the November elections)

Moore Mansion tour – Based on input from some chapter members after Brad Peck's May presentation, Larry suggested a tour of the Moore Mansion with a chapter donation to the mansion's restoration fund. Mary said she'd contact Brad to see if this would be possible.

McNary Wildlife Refuge Tour – POC Lorie Bennett

Adjourn: 2:56 p.m.

Prepared by:

Sunshine Chair Faye Vlieger

For Mary Binder

**2020 Approved Budget
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Fixed Costs		Running Total	INCOME	
LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$100	\$100	NAT'L	\$2000
WEBSITE	\$72	\$172	DONATIONS	\$300
NEWSLETTER PRINTING	\$500	\$672	TOTAL	\$2300
STAMPS · NEWSLETTERS · SUNSHINE · MISC	\$0.55 x 80=44x6=\$265 5=2.75x12=\$33 \$300.00	\$972		
BUSINESS LICENSE	\$11	\$983		
CHAPTER SUPPLIES	\$250	\$1233		
SPEAKERS LUNCH	\$200	\$1433	\$2300-1433 =	\$867
RED LION (Attendees) LUNCHES@\$20ea	\$4000 offset by attendees			
Optional Costs				
ATTENDEE LUNCH WINNERS	\$20x10=\$200	\$1633		\$667
HOLIDAY MUSIC	\$100	\$1733		\$567
PRES DISCRETION	\$100	\$1833		\$467
Items below to be revisited with initial draft numbers provided for the **items				
**WSF CONV/TRAINING	\$100ea; \$500 max	\$2333		-\$33
**NAT'L CONV/LEGCON	\$500ea;\$2500	\$4833		-\$2533
**OUTREACH (Chamber \$350; Visit TC \$185)	\$535/2=\$267.50	\$5100.50		-\$2800.50
MISC MEMBER RECRUITING	\$200	\$5300.50		-\$3000.50
MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION	\$149.50	\$5450		-\$3150
WSF PER CAPITA CHARGE	Waived for 2020			
TOTAL				-\$3150.00

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