

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Virtual

- **Zoom - President Nancy Crosby**
 - The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Nancy with a reminder the meeting was being recorded.
 - In attendance were Board/Committee members Nancy Crosby, Mary Binder, Liz Bowers, Johanna Caylor, Larry Williams, and Debbie Carlson. There were no guests.
 - A request was made by Nancy for attendees to silence electronic devices and to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

- **Officer and Committee Reports - President Nancy Crosby**
 - Chapter bylaws update – Mary reported the Federation rewrite of the bylaws has yet to be approved (“final” completed and submitted on April 24). Chapter bylaws are based on Federation bylaws, so it is best to wait until those are approved. Also, the Chapter bylaws are not quite written in the same format as the Federations are so approval would be required for that as well. It was noted changes in current bylaws (Federation and Chapter) are basically pen and ink changes – no major rewrite.
 - A listing of group activities for 2024 was attached to the agenda and Board/Committee members are asked to review and provide ideas for possible outings.
 - Dust Devil games are June 22 and September 7. Two (and possibly three) tickets have become available.
 - A tour of the Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site was discussed and appeared to be favorably received by Chapter members after the presentation at the June Chapter meeting. Current tour slots for June and the first half of July are full; however, staff would be willing to make a special Sunday trip available. Due to the Tri-Cities heat factor, a September trip would be appreciated.
 - No additional updates or announcements were made.

- **Vice President – Mary Binder**
 - Current travel schedule is:
 - ✓ Mary: June 14 – June 20 (late evening); traveling without laptop
 - ✓ Nancy: August 18 – 25
 - ✓ Johanna: several days around July 22
 - ✓ Larry: June 20 – July 11; will travel with laptop
 - ✓ Liz: playing it by ear
 - ✓ Debbie - TBD

- **Hospitality Coordinator – Nancy**
 - Mary and Nancy will be meeting with CG Catering for the purpose of scheduling their event room for our monthly Chapter meetings. If this option is not feasible, other sites will be considered.
 - Due to several items, including no kitchen being available at the Clover Island Inn to keep food hot, the June luncheon did not receive a favorable report.
 - Nancy conducted an oral survey of Chapter members with the idea of getting “on the spot” opinions/suggestions of how a future Chapter luncheon could look.
 - ✓ Members are fine with a higher cost for lunch, no lunch, buffet style – just no evening event.

- **Service Officer – Nancy (Acting)**

While Nancy had nothing to report, Mary did report she had talked to Ellen concerning the potential of social security payments to individuals who felt because they worked under CSR were not eligible and not everyone is (need of qualifying quarters). It was decided a reminder would be placed in the upcoming Chapter newsletter to provide some context.

- **Treasurer - Liz Bowers**

Discuss the cost of attendance at the upcoming FEDcon24 Conference and Regional Symposium as these events will affect the approved (in February) Chapter Budget. Mary will follow up with the Federation to see what they are willing to contribute.

- **Secretary - Debbie Carlson**

- Next Board meeting - TBD.
- Attendees were reminded that when they would out of town (and not available by computer or phone or ill) please let the secretary know.

- **WSF DVP – Mary**

- Registration cost for the October 24 – 26, 2024, Region IX Symposium are yet to be determined. A planning meeting is scheduled for July 10, and it is hoped items such as cost, draft agenda, a memorial service will be finalized. Mary is soliciting help with things such as decorating the event site.
- At Oregon's convention it was noted a panel discussion by various health care providers was well received; Mary mentioned this type of event could be considered for the Symposium.
- Mary said she has had a few discussions with folks from the Rural Carriers Association who are saying they are getting little to no reporting or even correct information concerning changes to their upcoming health benefits.
- As of the week of June 3 no one is running for Region IX VP or any other Federation positions. The NARFE Federation Bylaws say that until a position is filled, current position holders will continue to hold the position.

- **Newsletter/Public Relations/Outreach - Mary**

- Articles for the July/August newsletter are needed by June 21.
- The only Chapter person possibly attending the June Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce in Nancy.
- The 2024 Outreach Action Plan does receive 50 percent matching funds, up to \$1,00.00, from the Federation. Mary mentioned that all chapters receive this amount and will perhaps not be using it thus making chapters (like ours) possibly eligible to receive any "left over" funding. Was discussed due to the \$1,000 Chamber membership.

- **Legislative - Mary**

- Mary mentioned the speaker at the recent Bremerton Chapter meeting from the State who talked about the property tax legislation (which could help seniors being that it is income tax based) had been well advertised resulting in people showing up at the meeting who may not have been NARFE members. This could be a good speaker for our Chapter.
- There is a webinar that provides basic insurance information for postal retirees and current employees.

- **Alzheimer's Coordinator - Larry**
 - Larry reported there is about \$150 in the bank that needs to be forwarded to the Alzheimer's Association from Chapter donations. He will forward a check "soon."
 - Missed reporting during the June Chapter meeting/luncheon was the \$25.00 members donation to Alzheimer's (this will be noted in the Chapter notes).

- **Webmaster: Larry Williams**
 - Nancy spoke about the training she is undertaking (Tuesdays and Fridays for 1.5 hours) to learn about the new WordPress system. The training, Nancy reported, is intense.
 - Nancy found out there is a \$60.00 yearly charge to chapters to be on this national site. Attendees are complaining because it was their belief this fee was included in our NARFE costs.
 - Another item to resolve is the length of time documents can remain on the page (just two years). Our Chapter's current website stores documents long term. A solution might be to put "everything" on thumb drives.
 - Nancy asked Larry to purchase a thumb drive for this purpose. Invoices for this purchase need to be turned over to Liz for reimbursement.

- **Membership Coordinator - Johanna Caylor**
 - Johanna sent a request to Sandra Lawing at National to cover all the Distinguished members eligible for awards through July 2024. National will send out the Distinguished membership card and pin directly to the recipients.
 - Nancy, Johanna, and Mary Goldie will be attending the June 11, 2024, celebration of life for Carl Bushey Gallion, Jr. The service takes place at 11:00 a.m. at Einan's At Sunset Funeral Home (915 Bypass Highway, Bldg. H, in Richland, WA.) with interment in Sunset Gardens and reception to follow. Johanna requested that anyone wishing to share a memory of their interaction with Carl add it to the guest book on Einan's webpage or pass the document on to her and she would see the family receives it.
 - New NARFE membership application forms have been received. Mary has asked Johanna to compare the documents to the old ones for differences (could still use the old applications at functions our Chapter attends).
 - Johanna has talked to the son of Joe Andreson after learning of his February 2024 passing. This bit of news was followed by mention of a new FDA approved drug which has been reported to slow down Alzheimer's. It was also noted that one in three older Americans dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia.
 - Johanna requested information/help in getting a list of "national only" members of our Chapter so she can find out where the Chapter's lost members have been noted on the list. Mary indicated she will check to find out the source for this request.

- **Sunshine Coordinator - Faye Vlieger**
 - Fay was unable to attend today's meeting; however, Nancy will check in with her to see if she has sent out any cards
 - Scotty Kruschke was moved out of rehab into assisted living.

- **Caller Coordinator - Darleen Wall**

Darleen was not in attendance. No report provided.

- **2023/2024 PROJECTED MEETING PROGRAMS DISCUSS NEW IDEAS**

- September 4, 2024 – Chapter will celebrate its anniversary in September; a possible program is someone from the State to talk about the property tax (see Legislative – above)
- October 2, 2024 – need program
- November 6, 2024 – Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer’s Research Fund
 - ✓ Members to bring items for the auction
 - ✓ Cash/checkbook (POC: TBD)
- December 4, 2024 - Holiday music

Open Discussion: *Nancy* – Other programs – see list – new ideas

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.