

NARFE Chapter 1192
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, March 4, 2009

CALL TO ORDER – President Nancy Crosby called the meeting to order, 1:20 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. Attending: Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Bill Darke; Mary Goldie; Gary Hagedorn; Phil LaMont; Nancy Schreckhise; Larry Williams.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

04/01/09 Terry/Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers. (Confirmed/Johanna)

05/06/09 Umatilla Chemical Depot's weapons disposal program update. (Confirmed/Mary Binder)

06/03/09 Report on the May Federation convention.

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

Advanced Medical, Spaulding Business Park (Mable said this is a new concept for the area – one-stop care; Medicare accepted.)

Social Security/Medicare and interface with health-care plans (Carl/Johanna)

American Cancer Society

Area senior housing options (New: Verneice volunteered to coordinate this for a fall 2009 meeting.)

Long-term care ombudsman program (Carl)

Tri-Cities Wine Society or wine industry representatives (Mary Binder)

Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau and its programs (Mary Binder)

Recycling programs – update on what can/cannot be recycled (Mary Binder)

OFFICERS

President – Regarding fall meeting programs, Nancy Crosby said she wants to have at least the September and October programs confirmed by the August Board meeting so they can be announced to members in the September/October Chapter newsletter.

1st Vice president – No additional report.

2nd Vice president – No additional report.

Secretary – No additional report.

Treasurer – President Nancy submitted 4 bills to Phil LaMont for payment – 2 for newsletter printing at Eagle and 2 for purchases Nancy made for postage and labels for the newsletter.

In response to a question from Mary Binder, Phil provided the Chapter's tax ID number. Mary said she believes that as a non-profit organization, sales tax can be waived for services and supplies. This is a potential way to save money.

District Vice president – No report.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Bill Darke reported \$28 was received today for Alzheimer's, \$8 in the bucket and another donation of \$20. This amount will be added to the Chapter's Alzheimer account, bringing the total to \$367 (\$339, currently + \$28, today = \$367).

Hospitality – No additional report.

Legislative – No additional report.

Membership – The Board discussed the challenges of understanding how to distribute, collect and process membership applications; the complexity of dues and various reimbursements, etc. The consensus was that Board members want to better understand how membership processing and dues work. Suggestion was made for at least some Board members to meet with Johanna Caylor to discuss further when she returns to town.

NARFE-PAC – No additional report.

Newsletter – The Board discussed several issues pertaining to the Chapter newsletter. With HAPO currently not paying for printing, it is costing the Chapter an additional \$80-plus every two months. This was not in the budget. All aspects of the newsletter need to be reviewed – everything from the frequency of editions to the printing to how the newsletters are mailed and to whom. Larry Williams will work on developing an actual template that would make it easier for those putting together/laying out the newsletter and hopefully save layout costs at a printer. There will be more discussion at future Board meetings.

Mary Binder proposed and the Board concurred with a production schedule for the remainder of the year. Articles will be due the 2nd Friday, every other month: April 10; June 12; August 14; October 9; and, December 11. This allows for editing, production and distribution in a timely manner.

Public Relations – Gary said he had a little trouble getting the meeting announcement through to the *Tri-City Herald* point of contact as the individual was out of town and his computer mailbox was full. President Nancy learned there is a backup individual. In the future, the announcement will be sent to both individuals. Either Mary Goldie's or Nancy Schreckhise's phone numbers will be listed on the announcement as the contact number. Mary and Nancy will check on Friday Fax for Feds to see if the announcement was published.

Gary reported he'd received a notice about submitting a Chapter PR plan if the Chapter would be requesting matching Federation funds for PR activities. The Board discussed this and there was consensus that we are not currently doing PR activities that would qualify for matching funds. Maybe in the future.

Service Officers /Callers – Nancy Schreckhise and Mary Goldie reported they received a thank you note from caller Juanita Anderson for the recent callers' appreciation lunch at Anthony's. They said they are considering doing this again and that the callers also expressed interest in doing it again, but offered to pay for their lunches.

Sunshine Committee – President Nancy said she will talk with Anne Ross about having a backup Sunshine point of contact who can help Anne and report at meetings when Anne cannot attend. The Board discussed that cross training, having depth and asking other members to help is a good way to get others involved and spread out the workload.

Website – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

District Workshop – President Nancy asked Board members planning to attend to let her know.

State Convention – President Nancy reminded Board members who are planning to attend the May 14-15 Convention to complete their applications. She reported that Estelle Bellefeuille is scheduled to attend and serve as parliamentarian.

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:20 p.m.

Prepared by:
Mary Alice Binder
Secretary