

NARFE Chapter 1192
Board Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2012

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

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

PROGRAMS – Upcoming

- 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 needs to confirm name of speaker; **Board members agreed – a general overview presentation would be fine**)
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; Don Binder will look at candidates running for local offices as other possibilities; also, a recap of the 2012 NARFE National Convention)
10/03/12 *SHIBA – Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors* (surfaced as a recommendation during Andrea Herboldt's February presentation; agency representative could provide information on selecting healthcare provider, including Medicare; Mary Binder is trying to contact Andrea for local SHIBA contacts **...note: after the Board meeting, Andrea contacted Mary with the local contact name and phone number**)
11/07/12 *White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund*
(confirmed; Bill Darke)
12/05/12 *Holiday Entertainment – Val Wenner* (confirmed; Mary 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 said he'd write to Chuck for an update on his availability*)
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.

- February 23, WSFC Executive Board meeting – Mary Binder provided the Board a written summary of meeting highlights. Don said all current WSFC officers except Secretary Paul Shell have submitted paperwork to continue in their current positions. To date, no one has submitted nomination paperwork for Paul's position. The Board discussed the workload and challenges with the secretary's positions.
- April 19, District I/V Workshop – 2 additional members at today's Chapter meeting said they wanted to attend – Pat Turner and Norma Van Patten. Therefore, current Chapter attendance is projected at 13: Lorie Bennett; Don and Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Mary Goldie; Sig Preston; Nancy Schreckhise; Pat Turner; Norma Van Patten; Larry Williams. The Board reviewed realignment changes to Districts 1 and V. **Reminder: Bring Chapter screen/AV equipment.**
- May 14 – 16, WSFC Convention, Red Lion Hotel Vancouver on the Quay. WSFC President Sandy Cagle is still looking for individuals to serve on various committees; she is especially interested in getting members to volunteer who've not previously served on committees and/or in other functions. Members planning to attend: Lorie Bennett; Don and Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Carl Gallion; Mary Goldie (tentative); Sig Preston. Secretary Mary has copies of all registration forms except for Carl; he'll provide a copy of his to her.
- NARFE's 32nd National Convention, August 26 – 30, Sparks/Reno. Currently, the following members are planning to attend: Lorie Bennett; Don and Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Midge Loth; Sig Preston; and Larry Williams. Mary Goldie is a possibility; she said she'll know in July.

1st Vice President – Carl Gallion. Carl said, to date, he's not been able to find the binders he thought he had from previous pre-retirement seminars; he said he'd check with Johanna. Don said he has a manual that NARFE has used for pre-retirement seminars, but he said he doesn't know if the Chapter can use it as it may be proprietary. That issue is being explored. The Board discussed what the Spokane chapter is doing; Carl said he would contact Ken Kaul from that chapter in this regard. At last month's meeting, Lorie Bennett and Nancy Crosby said they would help Carl. Lorie said she would talk with her husband, Leon, about possibly being on the committee and/or for his ideas from an HR perspective.

2nd Vice President – Lorie Bennett.

- Lorie could not attend today's meetings, but she has coordinated June 14 for the Chapter's Hanford B-Reactor tour. Members wanting to participate: Lorie and Leon Bennett (?); Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke (2); Carl Gallion/Nancy Carr; Frank/Pam Griffin; Steve Howes (2); Nancy Schreckhise (2); Pat Turner (2); Norma Van Patten. Members were told at the Chapter meeting that Lorie had reserved a bus and would provide further details at future meetings and/or via e-mail.
- Don asked Mary Binder to check into whether or not a tour of Umatilla Chemical Depot now would be possible with the completion of chemical agent disposal.
- Question was raised regarding a bus trip to a Mariners' game; Lorie had previously indicated she was looking into this possibility. Several bus companies and/or local organizations coordinate such tours.

Secretary – Mary Binder.

- The Board agreed to hold its next meeting, if one was needed, Wednesday, April 4, after its regular monthly meeting.
- Mary said Region IX VP Lanny Ross had reminded the WSFC Executive Board at its February 23 meeting that the NARFE Congressional Directory was a good resource when recruiting new NARFE members. It has much information tailored to NARFE. She also showed members the new NARFE headquarters organizational chart and had copies of an updated NARFE headquarters phone directory available.

Treasurer – Nancy Crosby.

- Nancy said she paid the Chapter's per capita tax bill in full vs. just for the first six months.
- She's received and will pay the annual liability policy renewal, which remains at \$75.
- Nancy reported that Sandy Smith has agreed to audit the Chapter's financial records, but is unsure when she can actually do the audit as she broke an arm and is having complications. Previously, Larry Williams had been asked and agreed to do the audit; but on further review, Nancy said she realized it would not be appropriate for a Board member to audit the records.

District Vice President – Steve Anderson. No report.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Chairman Bill Darke.

- Bill said he collected \$10 at the Chapter's March meeting.
- NARFE Alzheimer's National Committee chair, Barb L. Pretzer, has pancreatic cancer so has resigned her position. Future correspondence goes to Jane Rodgers, P.O. Box 234, Wadesville, IN 47638-0234. Phone: 812.673.4989. E-mail: ajirodgers@tds.net.

Caller Coordinator – Pam Griffin.

- Mable Rutt is now Nancy Crosby's back up.
- Mary Goldie has agreed to be a caller again starting next month. There will then be 4 callers: Pam; Nancy; Lorie; and. Mary. Pam said one more would be nice to have

Hospitality – Chairman Carl Gallion. Carl reminded the Board that for the menus for the Chapter's March and April meetings do not include meat as it is Lent.

Legislative – Co-chairs Don and Mary Binder. No additional report.

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

NARFE-PAC – Chairman Carl Gallion. Carl said he collected \$82 at today's Chapter meeting.

Newsletter – Chairman Johanna Caylor.

- Mary reported articles are due to her not later than Friday, April 13, for the May/June newsletter. **[Other 2012 article deadline dates are: June 8; August 10; October 12; December 7.]**
- Nancy said she had no issues using the new mailing procedures thru B&B Express Printing.
- To date, 6 March/April newsletters have been returned – some with updated addresses; others not able to forward. The Board discussed the pros/cons of using "Return Service Requested," the cost of the returns, re-mailing those with updated addresses.
- It is an ongoing challenge to keep member mailing, and e-mail, addresses current. Nancy said she has members mailing addresses in an Excel format. She said she uses the M 112 report, input from Johanna, the NARFE national roster, etc., to try to verify addresses. She said she is trying to focus the mailing list on members and agencies

Parliamentarian – Mable Rutt. No report.

Public Relations – Chairman Mary Binder.

- The 2012 Three Rivers Senior Life Show is June 15. Mary said she and Don were at the Chapter's NARFE table last year and believed it was a worthwhile event. Neither she nor Don will be here this year. Nancy Crosby, and Pam and Frank Griffin, said they would work the event. Mary will complete the paperwork.
- Mary said she hasn't completed the paperwork for matching funds from last year's event, but is working to get it completed.

Service Office – Chairman Lorie Bennett. Nancy showed the Board a tracking log she developed for volunteers to use when contacting members regarding renewing their membership. The Board approved using the log. Nancy said she recommends first sending lapsed members a reminder post card, waiting a month, and then calling if members have not renewed. The Board concurred. Having volunteers call while they're at the Service Office/have time potentially will help the membership chairman and help keep volunteers busy.

Sunshine Committee – Marcia Lingle/Nancy Crosby. Nancy reported that Marci most likely will not be back in the area until sometime in May. She will continue to fill in for her. She said the Board may need to look at other options next year.

Website – Larry Williams.

- Larry is still exploring having PAC and Alzheimer's donation forms on the Chapter website.
- Mary provided Larry with dates to add to the draft Chapter master calendar. She will send him additional dates for Chapter meetings and newsletter article due dates and a template for the PAC coupon.
- Larry provided the Board summary information on "hits" to the Chapter website. The most frequent searches are coming from Hanford.gov and DOE.gov.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, April 4, if needed, Kennewick Red Lion Hotel, immediately following the Chapter meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED – about 2:35 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Secretary