

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 2, 2018

President Lorie Bennett called the meeting to order just before 2 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick. Members present: Lorie; Mary Binder; Liz Bowers; John Cavanaugh; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bob Stewart; Larry Williams. Absent: Pam Griffin; Pat Turner; Faye Vlieger.

President/Special Programs: *Lorie Bennett.*

- Liability insurance premium – Lorie received the paperwork. Liz said she would pay the bill today. The annual premium increased from \$75 to \$100.
- Hospitality – Recently, Liz noted a discrepancy on the May menu information posted on the chapter website, and what was in the May/June chapter newsletter and what callers were providing. Webmaster Larry has updated/corrected the website.

1st Vice President: *Pat Turner.* No report.

2nd Vice President/Service Officer: *John Cavanaugh.* No report. Nancy reminded John to complete/submit a reimbursement voucher for mileage to/from the Service Office.

Director at Large: *Nancy Crosby.* No report.

Director at Large: *Bob Stewart.* No report.

Secretary/Sunshine: *Faye Vlieger.* No report.

Newsletter/Public Relations: *Mary Binder*

- Newsletter:
 - July/August articles are due to Mary by Friday, June 8.
 - Several mailed newsletters were returned with no reason indicated. Mary will be pursuing with the USPS why they were not delivered.
- Senior Life Show, Wednesday, June 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Mary, Nancy, Pat, and possibly Lorie and Liz, will staff the table. Setup must be completed by 9:30 a.m. and no early take down.
- 40th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival, Saturday, November 10 – awaiting approval from the Three Rivers Convention Center point of contact to again staff the coat check. [Donations received are targeted for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund.]
- Annual renewal will be coming soon for the chapter's Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce membership. Last year's dues were \$350, up from \$285.
- Postmasters convention, June 1-3, Clover Island Inn. Johanna will work to get more information, e.g., would we be able to have NARFE table with information.
- Office Depot has new membership cards, and is now a NARFE affinity partner. Also, as a Chamber of Commerce member, the chapter receives product and service discounts, which we have used.
- Next board meeting – immediately following the June 6 chapter meeting, Red Lion Hotel.

Treasurer: *Liz Bowers.*

- NARFE is now sending the monthly distribution to the GESA account; therefore, Nancy Crosby, past treasurer, will be working to close the InFirst account.
- Currently, 8 chapter members are scheduled to attend the May federation conference, including Nancy whose expenses are paid through the federation. The chapter board originally budgeted a \$50 "scholarship" for each member who attended to help offset their costs. Projected chapter members attending was 15; so, \$750 was budgeted. Subsequently, the board voted to increase the scholarship to \$100 per member who attended. With only 7 attending, the total is now projected to be \$700; therefore, still within the approved budget.

WSFC: *Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett.*

- WSFC President (*Nancy*) No additional report.
- District V VP (*Mary Binder*) – Mary said that Sam Cagle, the federation NARFE-PAC chairman has asked her to make a PAC presentation for him at the federation conference as he cannot attend. He is working to find volunteers to staff the NARFE-PAC table at the conference.
- Alzheimer's Chairman (*Lorie Bennett*) – Lorie said Larry, and 2 other volunteers from other federation chapters will help her with the Alzheimer's table and fundraising at the federation conference.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's Chairman: *Larry Williams*. Larry reported that the HAPO account is status quo; that is, no further contact regarding converting our Alzheimer's account to a "commercial account. [Note: Per the September 2017 board minutes, "...as of January 2018, HAPO will be converting our chapter's account to a "commercial account," which will involve paying banks fees. The board discussed options; Larry will explore a possible bank change and also, not having a separate bank account for Alzheimer's.]"

NARFE-PAC: *Bob Stewart*. Bob said he collected \$28 at today's chapter meeting.

Legislative: *Mary Binder*. No additional report.

Membership: *Johanna Caylor*.

- Johanna shared the list of distinguished members.
- Johanna recently emailed a current membership list from the latest M-114. She said she "removed the out-of-town and out-of-state members to avoid confusion for the callers." As her email had 2 lists attached, Mary asked if there was a difference. Johanna reviewed both and said they were the same.

Webmaster: *Larry Williams*. No report.

Caller Coordinator: *Pam Griffin*. No report. Pam is resigning her position in June. Darleen Wall will replace her. Nancy said she will be working with Darleen to update the rosters.

2018 MEETING PROGRAMS

06/06/18 Recap of WSF Conference & Discuss FEDcon18 Conference Voting Ballots

(POCs: Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder)

09/05/18 Recap of National Conference (POCs: Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett;

Johanna Caylor; Pat Turner)

10/03/18 Preventing Slips, Trips, & Falls presented by Lt. Tracy Baker from Benton Fire District I

(Confirmed; POC: Mary Binder)

11/07/18 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund –

members bring items for the auction *(Confirmed; remind members to bring items, cash/checkbook; POC: Larry Williams)*

12/05/18 Holiday Music Program by Jeff Peterson *(Tentative; POC: Liz Bowers)*

2019 PROJECTED MEETING PROGRAMS

01/04/19

02/06/19 Jason Mercier, director, Center for Government Reform *(Confirmed. POC: Mary Binder)*

03/06/19 Bill Kitchen, director, Tri-Cities Food Bank – presentation, it is noted that we would prefer cash or check donations due to weight and transportation considerations

(Tentative; POC: Pat Turner)

04/03/19 Kathy & Terry Maurer, antique appraisers, return to update members on the world of antiques and appraise items members bring *(Tentative; POC: Mary Binder)*

05/01/19

06/05/19

09/04/19

10/02/19

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

1st PNNL and Projects – update *(last presentation, January 2013; contact Pam Larsen; POC: Mary)*

2nd Hanford: Advisory board; Resource Center; EEOICP; Toxic Substances & Worker Health – update *(last presentation, February 2011)*

3rd Benton-Franklin Dial-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

- 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)
- Local Micro Brews** (Liz Bowers suggestion)
- Local Distillers** (Liz Bowers suggestion)
- Decluttering – challenges and tips** (POC: Mary Binder)
- 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 – 2018** (July 1 game – chapter has been invited to join a veterans group for this game.
Members expressed interest in attending at the May meeting. Lorie will have a signup sheet at the June chapter meeting, or members can email her. Tickets will be discounted. 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: 2:32 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Public Relations Chairman