

NARFE Chapter 1192
Board Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER President Don Binder called the meeting to order, 10:37 a.m., Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick. Board members present: Don; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Pam Griffin; Frank Griffin; Larry Williams.

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

PROGRAMS – Upcoming

- 12/07/11 *Tri-City Tappers and Silk Stockings*** (confirmed; Mary Binder. **President Don said he'd extended invitations to attend the meeting/performance to the Walla Walla, Yakima, Hermiston and Pendleton chapters. Mary will follow up regarding the dance floor – does the Red Lion set it up or do the Tappers.**)
- 01/04/12 *The Reach – Steve Lee, development associate*** (tentative; Don Binder **said he will work on confirming this.**)
- 02/01/12 *Social Security – Andrea Herboldt, public affairs specialist, SSA***
(confirmed; Don Binder **said he would contact Andrea to reconfirm.**)
- 03/07/12 *Area Senior Housing Options*** (***Nancy Crosby will explore as an option for March.***)
- 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 **will work to confirm name of speaker.**)
- 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; also, a recap of the 2012 NARFE National Convention; Don 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*)
- Emergency Management Representative** (*moved from February 2012; Don Binder will explore as an option for March 2012*)
- 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. From Don:

- Recapped highlights of the November 10, WSFC Executive Board Meeting that Mary Binder prepared. Of particular note:
 - Reduction in the per capita tax from \$1.40 to \$1.20 will save our Chapter about \$70.
 - Treasurer Arlene Patton will explore the pros/cons of changing the WSFC fiscal year from July – June to the calendar year to coincide with all WSFC chapters.
 - WSFC President Sandy Cagle wants ideas for the 2012 state convention. Don will forward the Chapter 1192 Board suggestions: information from OPM; tech training.
 - District I VP Teri Sannar is experiencing health issues; therefore, this may impact on having a combined District I/V workshop.
 - WSFC President Sandy and PR Chairman Sam Cagle attended NARFE Region V's College of NARFE Knowledge training; Don will get copies of the training's videos.
 - Regarding WSFC Service Officer Charlie Caughlan's request for paperless reports, Lorie said that as of the last Chapter report yes, we are paperless.
 - NARFE's **PROTECT America's Heartbeat** continues, but will refocus after the super committee's upcoming deadline. Some contract functions will be done in house.
- The WSFC 2012 Convention is May 14-16. Don asked for a tentative show of hands from those considering attending, currently: Don and Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Carl Gallion and Nancy Carr; Frank and Pam Griffin; Larry Williams. Mary Goldie, Sig Preston and Nancy Schreckhise will also probably attend. Carl has volunteered for the Convention bylaws committee; volunteers are needed for other committees.
- Regarding future WSFC conventions, Don said they would most likely be district hosted with support from the district's respective chapters. More information/details to follow.
- The current Chapter officers were re-elected for another term at the Chapter's November meeting. Installation is scheduled for the December meeting. District V VP Steve Anderson from Wenatchee is scheduled to do the installation.
- The Chapter is on track to host a combined District I/V workshop in April. Space has been reserved at the Red Lion, per Carl Gallion.

1st Vice President – Carl Gallion. No report.

2nd Vice President – Lorie Bennett. No report.

Secretary – Mary Binder. From Mary:

- The Board concurred with holding its next Board meeting Wednesday, January 4, after the Chapter meeting.
- The F7, Chapter Officer Roster and F7A, Federation Officer Roster are now online forms.
- Sam Cagle, Federation webmaster, has asked for a review of the Federation website and recommendations on what to archive and what to delete. Larry Williams said there is a lot of good information on the Federation website.

Treasurer – Nancy Crosby. From Nancy:

- The Board discussed the proposed 2012 Chapter budget. Don again noted the Chapter should save about \$70 in per capita taxes. The Board recommended increasing from \$150 to \$200 the amount budgeted for the April District V workshop as it expects more Chapter attendance with the workshop being at the Kennewick Red Lion. The Board also discussed the amounts proposed for the 2012 state and national conventions, but recommended leaving them the same. Carl made a motion with Lorie seconding it to accept the budget with the changes discussed. Nancy will have the revised 2012 budget at the Chapter's December meeting for a vote. After approval, it will be posted on the Chapter website.
- The Board briefly discussed having fundraisers such as a "no bake" bake sale.

District Vice President – Steve Anderson. No report.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's – Chairman Bill Darke. From Bill,

- \$1,030.42 was raised at the Chapter's November meeting between donations and the white elephant auction. He also received another \$25 after the meeting.
- To date this cycle, the Chapter has donated \$1,305.37.
- The bank balance is \$52. Bill has also received a closeout statement from Bank of America after the switch to HAPO; he said there may be one more statement from BoA.

Caller Coordinator – Pam Griffin. Pam reported she currently has 4 callers, including herself. It was suggested she call Nancy Schreckhise. Lorie volunteered to take some of Pam's lists to better balance the numbers each had to call.

Hospitality – Chairman Carl Gallion. Carl reported that he has signed the 2012 contract with the Kennewick Red Lion. He will be receiving menu options to review.

Legislative – Co-chairs Don and Mary Binder. From Don and Mary:

- Washington State congressional redistricting proposals are now down to 2 options. The federal decision is basically made; however, issues remain in the state house and senate. Don said a decision may be postponed until January 1.
- Don provided an explanation of a possible change to computing COLAs – the "Chain CPI."

Membership – Chairman Johanna Caylor. From Johanna:

- She provided updated M112 and M114 membership reports.
- Don said he needs a consolidated report on the Chapter's activities in local health fairs to provide to WSFC PR Chairman Sam Cagle. Johanna said she tried to drop off the petitions at the Federal Building/DOE to send to Senator Patty Murray in her role on the "super committee," but the DOE point of contact said she did not know if she could distribute. The Board agreed this was not something DOE could do.
- Don said he wants to take the membership survey off the to-do list as he does not believe we'll get the results from such a survey that we want or need.
- WSFC Membership Chairman Frances Titus' latest 2011 Gain/Loss Report reflected that NARFE membership numbers continue to decline, with the biggest issue still being members not renewing their membership.
- Frances and WSFC Treasurer Arlene Patton have drafted new MAP guidance, including a template, for review and comment. MAPS can be submitted for calendar years to coincide with a chapter's budget cycle.
- Nancy Crosby took membership reminder postcards from Johanna for the Service Office. Those working at the Service Office can send these out while Johanna is "snowbirding."

NARFE-PAC – Chairman Carl Gallion. From Carl:

- He received \$150 for PAC at the November meeting.
- The Chapter has donated about \$900, year to date, for PAC.
- The latest NARFE PAC report shows Washington 13th in population, 4th in PAC contributions.
- Don discussed NARFE's PAC philosophy – giving the last dollar for the last vote for a candidate to win. Candidates with virtually no chance of winning most likely will not receive PAC money. Don also said that Denny Heck most likely will be a candidate for the open seat in the state's new federal congressional district.
- Don reported that Region IX VP Lanny Ross has appointed him to a new position – Region IX PAC Coordinator.

Newsletter – Chairman Johanna Caylor. From Johanna, and Mary:

- Articles due to Mary by **Friday, December 9**, for the January/February Chapter newsletter.
- Mary, Johanna and Nancy reviewed with the Board the change in preparing the newsletter from a Word to Publisher document, which then only provides for a PDF version on the Chapter website. To date, no complaints/issues with just a PDF web version. Mary is also exploring the issue of blank space on page 4 and mailing. There is a difference of opinion between the Richland USPS bulk mail point of contact (Don), and the B&B Express Printing and Pasco USPS points of contact.

Parliamentarian – Mable Rutt. No report.

Public Relations – Chairman Mary Binder. From Mary:

- NARFE is redesigning many of its brochures and other material. An example is the latest issue of *NARFE's Recruiting & Retention Journal*.
- No progress on Charbonneau retirement center's offer to host Chapter members at a lunch or dinner.

Service Office – Chairman Lorie Bennett. For Lorie:

- Mary and Johanna said they would look at the Chapter historical information now at the Service Office to see what else might need to be done. Member Ruby Ulseth has been working to organize and put historical items in notebooks; she is in Arizona for the winter.
- When Lorie is back in town after November 22, she said she will work on the template she was developing for tracking calls to new/dropped members.

- **Sunshine Committee** – Marcia Lingle. Carolyn Reeploeg is Marci's backup while she snowbirds in Arizona. Carolyn has had computer problems; Mary said she would call her to ensure she was receiving e-mails as she'd not responded regarding the Board meeting.

Website – Larry Williams. From Larry:

- Using Excel, he developed draft master calendars that can easily be updated. He and Mary will continue to work this project.
- He said to bug him if he has not posted something within a week of requesting him to do so.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED – 1:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Secretary