

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2018

1st Vice President Pat Turner called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. Members present: Pat; Mary Binder; Liz Bowers; John Cavanaugh; Nancy Crosby; Bob Stewart; Darleen Wall; Larry Williams. Absent: Lorie Bennett; Johanna Caylor; Faye Vlieger.

President/1st Vice President: *Lorie Bennett/Pat Turner* – no additional report.

2nd Vice President: *John Cavanaugh*

- Service Office phone – Nancy said she had not yet been able to get to the Federal Building to address the problem with leaving a message on the phone. She is targeting doing this Tuesday, November 13.
- Service Office/Officer cards – Mary said she will finish updating the cards when the Service Office phone problem is resolved.

Director at Large: *Nancy Crosby* – Nancy recapped the meeting she and Darleen Wall had Monday with the hotel's catering office point of contact. Also, the board consensus was that members wanted to keep the desserts as they have been, that is, a chef selection. A motion was made and seconded to authorize President Lorie to sign the 2019 contract. The board unanimously approved the motion.

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

Secretary/Sunshine: *Mary Binder for Faye Vlieger* – No additional report.

Treasurer: *Liz Bowers* – Liz provided the board an updated 2019 draft budget. Board members had several questions. Nancy and Liz will meet to resolve questions. Liz will provide another update at the December 5 chapter board meeting.

Public Relations/Newsletter: *Mary Binder*

- January/February chapter newsletter – articles will be due Friday, November 30. This will help ensure the newsletter can be printed prior to B&B's holiday closure, December 24 – January 1.
- 2019 Outreach Action Plan – Mary provided board members a draft plan with a summary cover sheet of projected federation matching funds. Liz said she would need to adjust the draft budget based on the projections. A motion was made and seconded to approve the plan. The plan was unanimously approved. Nancy, as federation president, instructed Mary to forward the plan to the federation's PR chairman, Sam Cagle, with her approval as president marked as "/s/" on the signature line. She'll sign a copy at the December federation executive board meeting, December 6.
- Bylaws – Mary updated the board on a change that will need to be made to the chapter's bylaws based on her further review of the revised NARFE bylaws. Earlier this year, NARFE members approved a new membership category – "non-voting members/supporting members." Mary said she has questions regarding the difference between the current "social member" option that has been in the bylaws and the new category. Also, to date, Mary has not seen implementing guidance; therefore, she said she would be waiting to make proposed changes to the chapter's bylaws.

- Mary asked that members get back to her when she sends out draft agendas, including if they have nothing to report. She reminded members that agendas normally go out the weekend prior to chapter and/or board meetings.
- Mary had the extra monthly *narfe* magazines for November. The extra monthly supply has been in the Service Office for the volunteers and membership chairman to use, as needed. As the Service Office is now open only by appointment, the board discussed whether this supply is still needed. Mary offered that these can be used as potential outreach recruiting tools, e.g., distributing them to community centers, medical offices, etc., with contact information in the “mailing block.” The board concurred. As “public relations” chairman, Mary will move forward with this initiative.

WSF: Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett

- **WSF President Nancy:**
 - **LEGcon19**, March 10-13, Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, Alexandria, Va. Currently, Nancy, Mary, Pat and Lorie are planning to attend. Nancy’s costs will be covered by the federation. A motion was made and seconded to provide other chapter members attending the conference a \$500 “scholarship” to help offset their costs. The motion was unanimously approved
 - Region IX Training Conference, May 17-18, Three Rivers Convention Center. Nancy said she does not yet know what the cost will be and also does not have agenda information. These will be discussed at the December 6 WSF executive board meeting, along with discussing the federation providing “scholarships” for federation members attending to help offset their costs.
 - Next Exec Board Meeting – Thursday, December 6, La Quinta, Tacoma. Nancy, Mary and Lorie are planning to attend in their respective federation positions.
- **District V VP Mary:** No additional report.
- **WSF Alzheimer’s Chairman Lorie:** No report.

Committees

Alzheimer’s: Larry Williams – Larry said he hadn’t yet totaled the donations from today’s “white elephant” fundraiser and checks received. He will provide Mary the information to include in the minutes. **[From Larry after the board meeting, \$2,150 was raised for the NARFE Alzheimer’s Research Fund – \$2,140 from the white elephant fundraiser and cash/checks, and another \$10 from the 50/50 winner.]**

Legislative: Mary Binder – Mary shared with the board a copy of Congressman Dan Newhouse’s October 19 electronic “Civility and Respect” newsletter. It includes a picture of the chapter’s Walk to End Alzheimer’s team with the congressman. The photo was taken by Jamie Daniels, the congressman’s district director. Mary said Jamie told her she has relocated from the congressman’s Yakima office to his Richland office. Mary is planning to meet with her soon.

NARFE-PAC: Bob Stewart – Bob said an additional \$4 was contributed after he reported at the chapter meeting that he had collected \$17. Total for today was \$21.

Membership: Johanna Caylor – No additional report.

Caller Coordinator: Darleen Wall – no report.

Webmaster: Larry Williams – no report.

2018 MEETING PROGRAMS

12/05/18 Holiday Music Program by Jeff Peterson (*Liz will reconfirm and check if Jeff needs a table, chairs, etc.; POC: Liz Bowers*)

2019 PROJECTED MEETING PROGRAMS

01/02/19 Eastern Washington Better Business Bureau – Danielle Kane will provide a presentation on consumer awareness (*Nancy will again reconfirm; POC: Nancy Crosby*)

02/06/19 Jason Mercier, director, Center for Government Reform, Washington Policy Center, Tri-Cities office, will provide an update on the 2019 Washington State legislative session (*Reconfirmed; POC: Mary Binder*)

03/06/19 Annual chapter food drive – reminder to members to bring nonperishable food and/or cash/check. Notes: cash/check preferred; new director, Tim Sullivan. (POC: Pat Turner)
Per board discussion, a program for the meeting is needed.

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

05/01/19 Washington Recovery Alliance/BentonFranklin Recovery Coalition – Michele Gerber will provide information on the coalition and it actions to address addiction in the Tri-Cities (*Discussed as a program option for May at the board meeting and confirmed after the meeting; POC: Pat Turner* [Also, **Overview of biennial Region IX Training Conference, May 17-18**])

06/05/19 Overview/update on the Washington State brewery industry from Aaron Burks, Atomic Ale Brewpub & Eatery, Richland (*Tentative; POC: Liz Bowers*)

09/04/19

10/02/19

11/06/19 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund – members bring items for the auction (*tentative; remind members to bring items, cash/checkbook; POC: Larry Williams*)

12/04/19 Holiday Music Program

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

Amazon call center, Kennewick – function of the center (*POC: Larry Williams*)

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 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 – 2019 (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: 2:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Public Relations Chairman