

NARFE Chapter 1192
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, October 1, 2008

CALL TO ORDER – President Nancy Crosby called the meeting to order, 1:20 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. Attending: Nancy Crosby; Don Binder; Mary Binder; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Mary Goldie; Phil LaMont; Carolyn Reeploeg; Mable Rutt; Larry Williams.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- 11/05/08 Tri-City Railroad or RailEx; Carl is working to confirm. Election of officers. The Board will explore a white elephant sale with profits going to Alzheimer's.
- 12/03/08 Holiday-themed program – options being explored (Note: the hotel no longer has a piano.); Food Bank donations; installation of officers.
- 01/07/09 Travel opportunities, Genie Tours. Verneice Skinner has confirmed this program.
- 04/01/09 Terry/Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers. Johanna has confirmed this program.

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

Rod Coler Center for Senior Health (Phi will check with his wife and explore this for February or March)
Advanced Medical, Sapulding Business Park (Mable said this is a new concept for the area – one-stop care; Medicare accepted.)

Judy Park's presentation from the Federation's state convention on CD (Chapter does now have the CD.)
Social Security/Medicare and interface with health-care plans (Carl/Johanna)

Update on the U.S. Army Umatilla Chemical Depot's weapons disposal program (Mary Binder)
American Cancer Society

Area senior housing options

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)

OFFICERS

President – Nancy reported she'll be on vacation from Oct. 11-27.

Vice president – No report.

Secretary – Mary needs to electronically update Chapter chairmen/points of contact.

Treasurer – President Nancy will be meeting with Phil, Carolyn and Verneice to go over treasurer duties and procedures.

Per Capita Tax – Another per capita tax payment is due in October.

NARFE credit union opportunity – Johanna did get additional information on this issue at the September NARFE National Convention. Phil now has the information packet, but there are still issues that need exploring, including finding out where local access would be and what it would offer.

COMMITTEES – Following were committee reports:

Alzheimer's – Bill Darke said he has received material he'll be going through. The Board discussed establishing fundraising goals, and putting information about raising money in the newsletter and on the Chapter's website. Johanna reported that she'd brought back from the Convention a number of items that could be used in raffles to raise money.

Hospitality – The Board discussed the positive response to today's meeting – the 4 guests joined NARFE; several more members attended than had made reservations, but the hotel quickly responded. One guest, Joseph Sebastian, TSA – Eastern Washington District, said of NARFE, "It is buying our future." The Board discussed adding a reminder in the newsletter and on the web site about making reservations. The Board also discussed whether the Chapter should consider paying for a new member's first meeting, or for guests such as the four today who joined NARFE. The Board discussed options; no decision made.

Legislative – Don and Mary Binder are planning to attend the March 2009 NARFE Legislative Workshop.

Membership – Today's 4 guests did complete NARFE membership applications. Also, one guest, Carol Devine, said she would contact Carl regarding NARFE presentations at other TSA locations within the district.

Newsletter – Mary Binder said input is needed by Oct. 8 for the November/December issue. As Nancy will be out of town, Larry or Don volunteered to send out the newsletter electronically, if they have the address information. Johanna will be out of the area from November – March. She will still work with Mary to get out bi-monthly newsletters.

Public Relations – President Nancy said the Sunday, September 28, *Tri-Cities Herald*, ran the public service announcement about the monthly Chapter meeting. She also forwarded the information for posting on DOE's "Friday Facts for Feds."

Service Officers/Callers – The Board briefly discussed the nice handout Mary Goldie had provided regarding the Service Office and contacting OPM. Larry will put it on the web site.

Sunshine Committee – The Board briefly discussed whether there should be a backup person for Anne Ross to cover if she cannot attend a meeting, as is done for other committees.

OLD BUSINESS

National Convention – The Board again briefly discussed Convention material Johanna/Sig received that could be used as either giveaways or in fundraising.

NEW BUSINESS

Honorary Memberships – Regarding the NARFE change to “honorary memberships,” the Board discussed the effects to Chapter honorary members, potential future honoraries, etc. Don volunteered to submit a proposed Chapter bylaws change to the Chapter secretary for presentation at a meeting and then a vote at a follow-on meeting. Last bylaws change was January 2007.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:17 p.m.

Prepared by:

Mary Alice Binder
Secretary