

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2013

President Don Binder called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m., Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick. Board members present: Lorie Bennett; Don and Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Larry Williams. Members absent: Carl Gallion; Frank and Pam Griffin; Mable Rutt. Other Chapter members present: Pat Turner, nominee for Board director-at-large position, and Sig Preston.

The Board reviewed upcoming Chapter meeting programs and discussed potential options for several monthly meetings in 2014.

PROGRAMS – Upcoming

- 11/06/13 White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund**
(confirmed; Bill Darke/Pam Griffin) **NOTE: nomination/election of officers.**
- 12/04/13 HAMMER Facility – Karen McGinnis, director, will provide an overview of the facility's mission and support** (confirmed; Lorie). Also consider having/doing something for the holidays. **Note: Swearing in of officers before the program.**
- 01/08/14 Recycling in the Tri-Cities** (tentative; Mary Binder pursuing)
- 02/05/14 Burlington Northern railroad crossing safety presentation** (tentative; Larry Williams pursuing)
- 03/05/14 Fire and safety specialist** (tentative; Lorie Bennett pursuing)
- 04/02/14 Antique appraisers, Terry and Kathy Maurer** (confirmed; Johanna Caylor)
- 05/07/14**
- 06/04/14**
- 09/03/14**
- 10/01/14**
- 11/05/14 White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund**
(confirmed; Bill Darke)
- 12/03/14**

PROGRAMS – Future Ideas (New; brought forward)

- Medical emergency helicopter transport** (*Don pursuing with MASA*)
- Emergency management representative** (*moved from February 2012; Don will explore*)
- Umatilla Chemical Depot – closure update** (*Mary Binder; final update in 2014, depending on closure activities and the schedule*)
- Elder law attorney** (*Mary suggestion; Johanna pursuing options, e.g, attorney listed in Senior Pages*) [**Note: Following the March 2013 Board meeting, Johanna provided the following name as a possible speaker: Leslie Smith & Associates, Richland.**]
- Hospital patient advocates/social workers – how does an individual and/or family member find out about available services** (*from a Board discussion*)

CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES – FUTURE IDEAS Lorie Bennett

- Spirit of Portland** (*Lorie will review 2014 schedule for possible options*)
- MCBONES Research Center Foundation, Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site** (*Lorie exploring options for another trip to the site in 2014*)
- Maryhill Museum and Maryhill Winery – bus trip/tour** (*Nancy suggestion; she'll pursue option with Kennewick Senior Center for spring/summer 2014;*)
- Pacific Northwest Regional Observatory** (*POC: Mary Binder*)
- Lamb Weston – tour** (*POC: Lorie*)

Note: Information about the tours/sign-up sheets will be at Chapter meetings; information will also be in Chapter newsletters and included in emails when newsletters are released. Items and suggestions welcome! Provide to Lorie Bennett.

OFFICERS

President: *Don Binder*

- Nominating Committee – if Carl Gallion, committee chairman, is not able to attend the November Chapter meeting to conduct the elections, Sig Preston will do so. Nominations from the floor will be taken. Besides the 5 officer positions, there are 2 “director-at-large” positions. District V VP Nancy Crosby will conduct the swearing in at the December Chapter meeting.
- January chapter meeting – Don will ask Carl Gallion to check on January 8 vs. January 1.
- Medicare Part B – premium remains at the 2013 rate, \$104.90.

1st Vice President: *Lorie Bennett*

- Pre-retirement seminars – no progress on the chapter again hosting such seminars.
- Service Office – no issues.

2nd Vice President: *Larry Williams*

- Web site stats – sent to the Board last month.
- Will be updating dates, other information for 2014.

Secretary/Sunshine/Newsletter/Public Relations: *Mary Binder*

- Bylaws – still under review at NARFE; point of contact committed to complete by November 8.
- November/December newsletter – finalized; being printed. Nancy will send out electronically.
- 2013/2014 Outreach Plans – Nancy/Mary met September 27 to review expenses. Mary updating; targeting implementation January 1.
- Sunshine – Member Sue Avery passed away; Mary will send a card.
- Next Board meeting – Thursday, January 2, 10:30 a.m., location to be determined. (Tri-City Country Club is closed the first 2 weeks in January, so not an option.)

Treasurer: *Nancy Crosby*

- Name badges – Nancy had prepared name badges for members to wear at meetings and return after each meeting. Nancy will maintain the badges and bring them to each Chapter meeting. Board members spent time after the meeting assembling the badges.
- 2014 Chapter budget – Board reviewed/discussed draft Nancy presented with a focus on maintaining treasury funds wherever possible. As it has been several years since the Chapter hosted a convention and/or had other “fundraisers,” the Chapter’s treasury has continued to decline. Nancy will update the draft and resend to the Board for review prior to the November chapter meeting.

District V Vice President: *Nancy Crosby*

- 2016 WSFC Convention – Nancy, and Don and Mary Binder, met with Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau representative to review hotel proposals. They are scheduled to do site visits Monday, November 25.

COMMITTEES

Caller Coordinator: *Pam Griffin*

- At the October Chapter meeting, Debbie Lopez and Ruby Ulseth volunteered to be callers. Mable Rutt has resigned as a caller.

Legislative: *Don Binder, Mary Binder*

- Chained CPI – Don said NARFE is continuing to monitor this; joint House/Senate budget committee meetings are ongoing
- COLA for 2014 – just released today; 1.5 percent.

Membership: *Johanna Caylor/Sig Preston*

- October Health Fairs – with the government shutdown, there was confusion as to whether there would be health fairs. Fairs at TSA and Social Security had no chapter representatives; but, Johanna and Sig attended the fairs at the Federal Building and Stevens Center in Richland. Four employees completed membership applications; a number of others completed M-2 cards. Their names will be included in a drawing for one of three free one-year NARFE memberships the Chapter is providing. Johanna said she’d like to return to using “packets” at the fairs vs. just the membership applications, *narfe* magazine and M-2 cards as several employees asked about the packets.

- NARFE M-114 report – Johanna is reviewing the latest report and working to correct a number of discrepancies, e.g., AFEs who have retired. She said she was excited that 85 chapter members now use dues withholding. Further the chapter has about 35 AFE members and more than 25 in the “Distinguished Member” category.
 - Membership applications and M-2 cards – Don has ordered a supply of both.
 - Nancy said she has been sending membership renewal reminder postcards.
- NARFE-PAC:** *Frank Griffin* (Don provided an update in his role as the WSFC PAC coordinator.)
- PAC contributions – to date for the 2013/2014 cycle, NARFE has given Washington Rep. Denny Heck \$3K and \$2K to Rep. Derek Kilmer. Rep. Rick Larsen has requested funds; NARFE is reviewing the request.
 - Don said giving, and giving a lot, to NARFE-PAC continues to be important.

FUTURE MEETING: Thursday, January 2, 10:30 a.m., location to be determined.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:30 P.M.

Prepared by:

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Secretary