

**CORRECTED**  
**NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 5, 2015**

President Lorie Bennett called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m., her home. Besides Lorie, Board members present: Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Steve Howes; Pat Turner. Also attending: Sig Preston. Absent: Bill Darke; Pam Griffin; Larry Williams.

**President/Service Officer/Special Programs:** *Lorie Bennett.*

- Nominating Committee update – Pat Turner, chairman and director at large. With the upcoming 2016 May WSFC convention that District V is hosting and the importance of secretarial continuity, Mary Binder agreed to run for another 2-year term. The board discussed having Dana Kranz assist Mary with secretarial duties vs. running for secretary. Pat said she would discuss this with Dana. Pat will present the slate of candidates at the October chapter meeting: Lorie Bennett, president; Pat Turner, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president; Larry Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president; Mary Binder, secretary; Nancy Crosby, treasurer; and, Steve Howes and Liz Bowers, directors at large. Elections will be at the November chapter meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Sig Preston will conduct the elections. Installation of officers is scheduled for the December meeting.
- FEHBP/Medicare costs for 2016 – Lorie made copies of the charts that she will bring to the meeting. NARFE continues to monitor the potential 52-percent increase in Medicare Part B premiums for some retirees. There is proposed legislation in Congress that may resolve the issue. NARFE continues to urge members to contact their elected officials.
- Updated forms – Johanna said she has gone through the inventory in the Service Office, tossed out outdated forms, and has a list of the current forms, what the chapter needs, and is ordering those.
- Strategic Planning Committee – per Mary Binder and Steve Howes, there have been no recent updates. Further, the August 12 meeting minutes are still not posted to the NARFE website. Mary is maintaining a notebook with all the strategic planning material NARFE is posting to its website.
- Silver Circle Memorial Fund for Don Binder – Mary reported that Region IX VP Lanny Ross called September 30 to say \$1,300 had been donated in Don's name. He was sending \$1,000 to NARFE's Silver Circle and \$300 to NARFE-PAC in Don's name.
- Hospitality – Lorie has signed the 2016 chapter meeting/lunch contract with the Red Lion Hotel. Menu and lunch costs remain the same as for 2015.
- NARFE is continuing to expand its "member perks." [New items are in the *narfe* magazine.]
- Service Office – nothing new to report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** *Vacant.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Webmaster:** *Larry Williams.* No report.

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

- November/December newsletter – articles are due to Mary by Friday, October 9.
- October 28 – monthly Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Cost is \$20 for members. The luncheon is at TRAC and is part of the day-long Chamber "BIZCON," a business networking event. With 8 reservations, a table can be reserved with the chapter's name.
- 2016 NARFE Photo Contest – August 1 to March 15, 2016. Theme: Made in America. Photos will be considered for the 2016/2017 NARFE calendar and for 2016 notecards.
- *Senior Pages/Senior Review* – Mary said the chapter's invoice for its 2016 ads has not been paid. She is having trouble getting in touch with Dale Swant, the point of contact, regarding the invoice not reflecting the agreed-to discount and getting a case of the 2016 directories.
- Sunshine – former member Bill Hitt **has been ill.**
- Next board meeting – tentatively, Tuesday, November 17, noon, Tri-City Country Club. **[Mary confirmed the date, time and location after the meeting and notified the board.]**

**Treasurer:** *Nancy Crosby.*

- September treasurer's report sent to the board and for posting on the chapter website.
- Nancy said she transferred \$891.59 from the chapter's Umpqua Bank account to the chapter's NARFE Federal Credit Union account. **[Note: New name is *infirst* Federal Credit Union.]** The Umpqua account will remain open and used for the WSFC convention. The \$1,000 from the federation for the convention

has been deposited in that account. Elisabeth M. Bowers was appointed to the treasurer position for the 2016 convention. Her name will be added to the authorized signatures list; Nancy will get the signature cards from Umpqua Bank. Don Binder's name needs to be removed from the account.

- 2016 budget – Nancy provided the board the draft and highlighted key changes, especially projected funds to offset costs for members who attend the May federation convention and/or the August NARFE national convention. Nancy will present the draft budget to members at the October chapter meeting. It will be voted on at the November meeting.

**District V Vice President:** *Nancy Crosby.* Nancy said she will be setting up a separate meeting to deal specifically with the convention.

**Directors at Large:** *Steve Howes, Pat Turner.* Pat reported that she had been working with NARFE so she could pull up and read OAM reports. At issue – no specific access code for “director at large.” The NARFE point of contact identified a code for Pat that now allows for reading access to reports.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Alzheimer's Chairman:** *Bill Darke.* No report.

**NARFE-PAC:** *Steve Howes.* Steve reported that \$47 was collected at the September chapter meeting.

**Legislative:** *Mary Binder.* Mary said NARFE's calls to action, especially regarding the projected 52-percent Medicare Part B premium increase for some members, is a primary NARFE focus right now. She advised that proposed legislation could resolve the “hold harmless” issue, so we need to encourage members at Wednesday's chapter meeting to contact our elected officials.

**Membership:** *Johanna Caylor.* The board discussed the upcoming October 21 FEHBP health fairs, a proposed schedule for NARFE coverage at the various locations and materials needed.

**Caller Coordinator:** *Pam Griffin.* No report.

## **PROGRAMS – Upcoming**

**10/07/15 *Junior Achievement – an overview and its programs from Tamra Meyer, program manager, Junior Achievement of Washington, Southeastern Washington Region***  
(confirmed; speaker needs computer, projector and screen; POC: Lorie Bennett)

**11/05/15 *White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund***  
(confirmed; POC: Bill Darke)

**12/06/15 *Bells of the Desert – the Tri-Cities community handbell choir will provide a holiday program*** (confirmed; POC: Lorie; holiday goodies, too)

## **PROGRAMS – Future Ideas** (New; brought forward)

**Rep. Dan Newhouse** (POC: *Mary Binder; Mary contacted Amy Harris, Rep. Newhouse's scheduler in his D.C. office; she has passed on the request to the local points of contact*)

**WSU Wine Science Center – update** (POC: *Mary Binder*)

**Decluttering – challenges and tips** (POC: *Mary Binder*)

**Manhattan Project Historical Park** (DOE/National Park Service; POC: *Mary Binder; possibility for 2016*)

**The Celilo Arc – a Confluence Project at Celilo Falls** (possible presentation by *Colin Fogarty, Confluence executive director; POC: Mary Binder*)

**Hanford Cleanup – presentation from Washington State Department of Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program** (POC: *Mary Binder; email to Don from Regina Lundgren with State DOE*)

**Central Basin Audubon Society** (POC: *Steve Howes*)

**Service dogs – training and types of service** (POC: *Mary Binder*)

**Washington State Native Plant Society, Columbia Basin Chapter** (POC: *Steve Howes*)

**WSU Extension Service/Master Gardeners – programs, training** (POC: *Larry Williams; still pursuing*)

**Port of Kennewick's “Bridge to Bridge” Redevelopment** (POC: *Larry Williams*)

## **CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS**

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – activities at Mid-Columbia Wildlife Refuge Complex; and/or Hanford Reach National Monument** (POC: *Steve Howes; possible group activities for spring or fall 2015; may be harder to do as point of contact has transferred out of the area*)

**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** (*POC Lorie; on hold*)

**Broetje Farms/Warehouse Tour** (*POC: Lorie Bennett; on hold*)

**The REACH** (*possible spring tour for the chapter; POC: Lorie Bennett*)

**FUTURE BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday, November 17, noon, Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 2:00 p.m.

**[Note: Secretary Mary had to leave at 1:40 p.m. Per President Lorie, no decisions were made to add to the minutes, just further discussion on nominations.]**

**Prepared by:**

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