

# NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## September 25, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER** President Don Binder called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m., Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick. Members present: Lorie Bennett; Don and Mary Binder; Nancy Crosby; Larry Williams. Absent: Johanna Caylor; Bill Darke; Carl Gallion; Frank and Pam Griffin; Mable Rutt.

### **PROGRAMS – Upcoming** \*Changes in red

- 10/02/13 Tiffney Hill – Community Services supervisor, City of Kennewick**  
(Nancy will reconfirm Friday with Tiffney)
- 11/06/13 White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund**  
(confirmed; announced in newsletter; Nancy will add a reminder in the electronic announcement she'll send for the newsletter; Bill Darke/Pam Griffin)
- 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.
- 01/08/14 Recycling opportunities in the Tri-Cities region** (tentative; Mary exploring a speaker/program)
- 02/05/14 Burlington Northern railroad crossing safety presentation** (tentative; Larry pursuing rescheduling this presentation from September)
- 03/05/14 Fire and safety specialist** (tentative; Lorie pursuing)
- 04/02/14 Terry and Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers** (confirmed; Johanna)

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

- Medical emergency helicopter flights** (Tri-Cities now has a local rep; Nancy will pursue details and as a possible option for January)
- Broetje Orchards** (Lorie suggestion; deleting as calls not returned)
- Emergency Management Representative** (moved from February 2012; Don will explore)
- Seeing-eye dogs and/or police dogs and their roles** (Dolores suggestion)
- Umatilla Chemical Depot – closure update** (tentative; final update in 2014, depending on closure activities/progress; Mary will pursue with Debbie Lopez)
- Elder Law Attorney** (Mary suggestion; Johanna pursuing options, e.g. attorney listed in Senior Pages) [Note: Following the March 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 – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS**

- MCBONES Research Center Foundation, Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site**  
(Nancy reported that the September tour was very interesting; may want to consider doing it again as a chapter group activity)
- Maryhill Museum and Maryhill Winery – bus trip/tour** (Nancy suggestion; possibility for spring/summer 2014; this will take detailed coordination and commitment as transportation will be needed)
- Pacific Northwest Regional Observatory** (Mary Binder suggestion)
- CREHST Museum group rate** (Bill will explore if there is a group rate)
- Lamb Weston – tour** (Lorie suggestion; Frank Griffin checked with a POC; LW does tours but not presentations; suggestion now a group activity possibility)
- Spirit of Portland** (Lorie will explore 2014 schedule, including going to The Reach)

**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.*

- Provided a Nominating Committee update for chairman Carl Gallion – no volunteers/replacements for current officers, but all have agreed to run again for their positions; no volunteers for 2 director-at-large positions. The board discussed possible candidates and contacting them; Nancy will review the monthly meeting sign-in sheets to get names/phone numbers for those who regularly attend meetings.
- FEHBP Open Season
  - Handout with new rates provided to the board; Lorie will have copies for the October chapter meeting.
  - Area health fairs are scheduled for October 15 and 16 – Don targeting covering the Social Security and TSA fairs; Johanna/Sig targeting the Federal Building and Stevens Center, and will explore who else can help. Suggested materials for the fairs – NARFE applications; current *narfe* magazines; M-2 cards; pens and candy (at the Service office); NARFE mugs (for those joining NARFE and paying). Individuals who complete the M-2 card will be entered into a drawing for one of 6 free memberships; the drawing will be after all health fairs.
  - ZAP display and blue tablecloth are in the Service Office; Nancy has the white tablecloth.
  - Don has ordered extra *narfe* magazines and a supply of the new applications.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** *Lorie Bennett.*

- Pre-retirement seminars – no update.
- Service Office – no changes.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Webmaster:** *Larry Williams.* Web site is OK.

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

- November December newsletter articles are due by **Friday, October 4.**
- 2013 Outreach Plan – Nancy/Mary to meet to develop a better summary of expenses and begin work on the 2014 plan.
- Let Mary know if you need a NARFE chapter board member business card.
- After elections, Mary will make changes to the officer/chairman roster after elections.
- Member Rosemary Goodenow passed away; awaiting an address to send a card.
- All Seniors Picnic, September 19 – Larry reported he attended and the space this year was great at TRAC vs. last year at the Southridge Sports Complex; so, we may want to consider having a booth at next year's event if it is again at TRAC. Mary will add this as a tentative event in the chapter's 2014 outreach plan.
- Larry reported that Sunday's *Tri-City Herald* had coverage of the 50-year anniversary of President Kennedy's Hanford visit. Larry said he remembers the visit and posted a comment on the *Herald's* web site.

**Treasurer:** *Nancy Crosby.*

- Drafting the 2014 chapter budget based on this year's budget; provide her anything special in your area. Nancy said we'll need to budget for 2 conventions in 2014 – federation and national; that \$200 was in the budget for comp/unpaid lunches but \$207 had been used as of August 31; and we need to use money budgeted in the outreach plan. She'll present the draft budget for review/comment at the November chapter meeting; the vote will be at the December meeting with implementation in January.
- Fundraising opportunities – Nancy will be following up.
- Name tags for members to wear at chapter meetings – the Yakima chapter has these; Nancy exploring having these for our chapter. She would keep them between meetings.

**District VP:** *Nancy Crosby.*

- WSFC Executive Board meeting, September 19:
  - Don Binder was elected the new VP replacing VP Rich Wilson who became the federation president in July after Sandy Cagle's death.

- Effective October 1, NARFE dues for all new members – chapter and e-chapter – will be \$40; current structure is \$45 for chapter and \$40 for e-chapter.
- 2014 federation convention – May 14-15, Silverdale Beach Hotel, Silverdale, Wash. District IV is hosting.
- 2016 federation convention – District V is hosting; Nancy provided a general update. She has the forms needed to evaluate hotel options.
- NARFE updating new member brochure to reflect October 1 dues change.

### **COMMITTEES**

**Caller Coordinator:** *Pam Griffin*. For Pam, Don said he would make Mable Rutt's calls for the October meeting and solicit for more callers at that meeting.

**Hospitality:** *Car Gallion*. Don reported Carl is starting to work with the Red Lion catering manager on the 2014 lunch menu and costs.

**Legislative:** *Don and Mary Binder*.

- Per Chris Farrell from NARFE's legislative department, call numbers through the switchboard number were down for NARFE's September "call congress week."
- Chained CPI – NARFE will continue to send literature/updates and is encouraging members to continue to contact their elected officials regarding this issue.
- NARFE exceeded its \$48K goal for its coupon media event.
- COLA for 2014 – currently projected at 1.5%; expect announcement in mid October.

**Membership:** *Johanna Caylor*. Regarding individuals who completed M2 cards at the June Senior Life Show and July health fairs, the board discussed possibly developing a letter as a follow up to send to these prospects.

**FUTURE MEETING:** Wednesday, October 30, 11:30 a.m., Tri-City Country Club.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 3:05 P.M.

**Prepared by:**

*Mary Alice Binder*  
Secretary