

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2013

Brief, stand-up meeting started at 1:35 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. Board members present: Lorie Bennett; Don and Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Pam Griffin; and, Larry Williams. Members absent: Carl Gallion; Frank Griffin; and, Mable Rutt. Don had to leave by 1:50 p.m., so there was just a quick review of a few items.

Programs and activities below were presented in the meeting agenda but not discussed at the meeting. Only change – Museum Tombstone Tales tour activity deleted as CREHST is not offering it this year.

PROGRAMS – Upcoming

10/02/13 Tiffney Hill – Community Services supervisor, City of Kennewick

(confirmed; Nancy)

11/06/13 White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund

(confirmed; 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.*

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

Burlington Northern railroad crossing safety presentation *(double-booked for September 2013; Larry cancelled with presenter and will reschedule for 2014)*

Broetje Orchards *(Lorie suggestion; no change)*

Emergency Management Representative *(moved from February 2012; Don will explore)*

Fire and safety specialist *(Lorie will pursue as a possible September option; no update)*

Seeing-eye dogs and/or police dogs and their roles *(Dolores suggestion)*

Recycling opportunities in the Tri-Cities region *(Mary; Johanna suggested focusing on possible ways for the chapter to recycle/make money as the Bremerton chapter is doing. Mary said she'd again check with Bremerton on how their program works; no progress.)*

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 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

Maryhill Museum – 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 presentation; suggestion now a group activity possibility)*

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

OFFICERS

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.

Treasurer: *Nancy Crosby.* Time to start reviewing expenses/requirements for 2014 budget; provide Nancy input.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's: *Bill Darke.* \$32 collected/donated at today's meeting.

Caller Coordinator: *Pam Griffin.*

- One caller did not make her calls; several individuals just showed up for the meeting.
- Nancy suggested that for the next newsletter, "reservations recommended" be changed to "reservations required" in the meeting announcement information section.

Membership: *Johanna Caylor.*

- For October Health Fairs – Lorie can help; Nancy Crosby will be out of town but recommended Dana Kranz again help if she's available; Pam can help, if she's needed; Mary and Don can help; Sig Preston.
- Nancy asked if NARFE has followed up with the individuals who completed M2 cards, e.g., at the Senior Life Show. Is there feedback coming back to the chapters?

FUTURE MEETING: Wednesday, September 25, 11:30 a.m., Tri-City Country Club (tentative; Mary will confirm location)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:49 P.M.

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