

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2016

President Lorie Bennett called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m., Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick. Members present: Lorie; Mary Binder; Liz Bowers; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Steve Howes; Pat Turner; Larry Williams. Absent: Pam Griffin.

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

- WSFC DVP/EB meetings, September 21/22 – recap:
 - Nancy reported that effective November 1, she will move from WSFC vice president to president as current president, Rich Wilson, will become the Region IX vice president, replacing current Lanny Ross, the current Region IX vice president.
 - Other board changes: Karol Kusunose, Tacoma chapter, will be the new vice president; Mary Binder is the new District V vice president; Lorie Bennett is the new WSFC Alzheimer's chairman; and Sam Cagle, Olympia/Timberland chapter, is the new WSFC PAC coordinator.
 - The board discussed recognition for Lanny Ross' 16 years of service as the Region IX vice president. The region's other federations, Alaska, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, have already recognized him. The board discussed and approved collecting the necessary \$1,000 to have Lanny's name added to NARFE's Silver Circle "hall of fame" wall at NARFE headquarters. Karol Kusunose volunteered to collect the donations. Deadline is January 31, 2017.
 - A 2017 regional training conference is in the works. This is in lieu of having annual federation conventions. The WSFC board wants to explore having the training in Kennewick at the Three Rivers Convention Center (good facility and fairly central location) but have the conference be a coordinated effort between the region's 5 states.
 - The WSFC board approved a \$250 reimbursement for each chapter member attending the 2017 NARFE Legislative Training Conference, March 12-15, Alexandria, Va.
 - The board discussed the new NARFE "optional chapter membership" initiative and its potential implications for NARFE chapters. WSFC Membership Chairman Frances Titus has requested feedback from chapters on issues and/or other information pertaining to this decision.
 - With changes approved at the NARFE national convention, there will be NARFE bylaws changes. The WSFC board discussed waiting to make WSFC bylaws changes until after the NARFE changes are finalized. The recommendation is for chapters to also wait to make bylaws changes until at least the NARFE changes are finalized.
 - The next WSFC board meeting is scheduled for December 8, La Quinta Hotel, Tacoma.
- Emailing members reminders about attending meetings:
 - Lorie said she would re-visit this initiative.
 - Steve Howes expressed interest in brainstorming how to improve chapter meetings so as to get more members to attend. He said he would address this in his director-at-large article in the next chapter newsletter.
- Hospitality
 - Lorie and Nancy are planning to meet with the Red Lion general manager and catering manager prior to the October chapter meeting to discuss problems encountered since the change in caterers.
 - The board discussed future meeting options, e.g., having fewer than 10 meetings/annually. No decisions/changes at this time.
 - The board also discussed members taking food from tables after the meetings, e.g., rolls. For health reasons, this is not a good idea. Lorie will address this on a case-by-case basis.
- Service Office:
 - 5th Tuesdays – will be handled as needed.
 - To date, no word on having to vacate or close the office as a result of DOE moves from the Federal Building.

1st Vice President: *Pat Turner.* No report.

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

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

- November/December newsletter – articles due by Friday, October 7.
- Chapter Officer/Chair Roster – review for accuracy. Targeting October 1 to finalize.
- Senior Pages/Senior Review
 - Ordered case of new directories.
 - WSFC matching funds requested – 50% of \$285 = \$142.50.
- Visit Tri-Cities membership renewed; WSFC matching funds requested – 50% of \$185 = \$92.50.
- August 1 through April 15 – NARFE 2017 calendar contest.
- September 14, Wenatchee chapter picnic – no chapter members attended.
- September 15, All-Senior Picnic – Johanna said Sig Preston attended.
- November 12, 38th Annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival – Nancy is coordinating the volunteer schedule for the coat check, which the chapter is staffing. Donations will go to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund.
- 2017 Chapter 1192 Outreach Action Plan – Mary said the 2017 plan will basically be an update of this year's plan. She is targeting having a draft for the board at its October meeting.
- Table top displays – no progress; still on Mary's to-do list.
- Board meeting "to-do" recap email – no progress; still on Mary's to-do list.
- Sunshine
 - Sympathy cards to: Pat Turner, brother's death; Jeanie Polehn, husband Richards' death; Jack Rhoades, sister's death Sara Lou Rhoades Roelen (former chapter member); Sandra Kilthau, niece's death.
 - Thinking of you cards to: Steve Howes; Mr. & Mrs. Eberhart Reimers; Howard House; Nancy Carr (Carl Gallion's friend).
 - Nancy reported that David Reeploeg's grandmother had passed away.
- Next board meeting – Tuesday, October 25, noon, Tri-City Country Club.

Treasurer: *Nancy Crosby.*

- Nancy reported the chapter had about \$11,800 in its treasury, minus obligations.
- In the 2016 chapter budget, \$800 was budgeted for chapter members attending the WSFC convention; however, \$1590 was paid, an increase the board previously approved. Nancy said even with the difference, the chapter budget was still in good shape.
- 2017 chapter budget – Nancy said she would prepare a draft based on the 2016 budget. She said she'd check the chapter's bylaws to ensure we were following them regarding the budget, presenting it to members, voting, etc.
- 56th WSFC Convention – final recap:
 - Liz Bowers, convention treasurer, provided a handout with a convention financial summary. Profit: \$1,931.48. Nancy discussed refunds that would be made: \$70 to May Shell for Paul Shell's registration (Paul was ill and passed away shortly after the convention); \$35 to Joan Rodrigues for her registration (meals could not be reimbursed); and, \$10 to Patricia Wymond (visitor) for her registration (meals could not be reimbursed).
 - Convention Chairman Nancy said \$300 would be going to the Yakima chapter and \$500 to the Walla Walla chapter for their collective support to the convention.
- 34th NARFE National Convention "Scholarships:"
 - \$250 – WSFC board approved for each WSFC member attending the convention.
 - \$125 – chapter board approved for each chapter member attending the convention.

Directors at Large: *Liz Bowers; Steve Howes.* No report.

COMMITTEES

Alzheimer's Chairman: *Bill Darke.*

- Bill reported he collected \$40 at the September chapter meeting. Currently, there was \$101 in the chapter's Alzheimer's account. During the WSFC Alzheimer's year, which started May 1, Bill said he has sent \$20 to the federation's Alzheimer's chairman.
- As of August 31, NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund total was \$11,940,277. The goal is \$12M by the end of 2016.
- The November "white elephant" auction at the chapter meeting will follow the same format as last year. Members are encouraged to bring items for the auction.

NARFE-PAC: *Steve Howes.* At the September chapter meeting, Steve reported he received \$51, bringing to \$321 the amount collected at chapter meetings, year to date.

Legislative: *Mary Binder.*

- 2017 COLA – NARFE is closely monitoring this issue. Federal announcement is schedule for October 18.
- At the state level – school funding will still be a major issue when legislators return in January.

Membership: *Johanna Caylor.*

- FEHBP Health Fairs, October 19:
 - Sig Preston and Johanna will cover the Federal Bldg. and Stevens Center.
 - The board discussed other agencies that need coverage, e.g., Social Security Administration.
- Johanna is working some membership issues – Ted Boyce and Mary Ellen Amundsen.

Caller Coordinator: *Pam Griffin.* No report.

The board briefly reviewed the upcoming chapter meeting programs. ONGOING: The focus is to have interesting programs and activities that will increase attendance, participation and membership. Requests for program ideas will be included in future chapter newsletters and at chapter meetings, e.g., members submit suggestions on a card.

PROGRAMS – Upcoming

10/05/16 Heidi Newsome, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will give a presentation on USFWS management activities in the Hanford area. (confirmed; POC: Steve Howes; Heidi will bring a thumb drive)

11/02/16 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund – members bring items for the auction (confirmed; POC: Bill Darke; Pam Griffin will help)

12/07/16 Desert Bells (confirmed; POC: Lorie Bennett; Mary Binder/Lorie will also provide holiday treats)

01/04/17 Hanford Cleanup – presentation from Washington State Department of Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program (confirmed; POC: Lorie Bennett)

02/01/17

03/01/17

04/05/17 Terry & Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers – provide an update on the world of antiques and appraise items members bring (confirmed; POC: Mary Binder)

PROGRAMS – Future Ideas (New; brought forward)

Aviation History in the Tri-Cities – presentation by Malin Bergstrom, president, Bergstrom Aircraft, Pasco (Note: Check if this can tie into Pasco Old Airport Tower restoration; POC: Mary Binder)

Pasco Old Airport Tower – restoration (POC: Mary Binder)

Franklin County Historical Society – newly remodeled museum (POC: Mary Binder)

Vista Field – reuse plans (POC: Mary Binder)

Local/Regional Wine Industry/Wine Programs – WSU/Walla Walla programs; vineyard – how, what, why, where; winemakers – careers, background, successes, etc.; starting a winery (Liz Bowers suggestion)

Local Micro Brews (Liz Bowers suggestion)

Local Distillers (Liz Bowers suggestion)

Jack Collins/his stained glass (article in Senior Times; Jack is a chapter member; Johanna Caylor suggestion; she'll contact Jack regarding doing a presentation in February or March; put an insert in the next chapter newsletter regarding interest?)

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

Decluttering – challenges and tips (POC: Mary Binder)

Central Basin Audubon Society (POC: Steve Howes)

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

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

Port of Kennewick's "Bridge to Bridge" Redevelopment (POC: Larry Williams)

New Tri-Cities area mental health program (POC: Pat Turner)

Drones – uses and challenges (POC: Larry Williams)

CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL PROGRAMS – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS

Dust Devils – 2017 schedule has been published

White Bluffs/Ringold – history and current status (POC: Steve Howes)

Hanford Reach National Monument (POC: Steve Howes)

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 (re-contacted; awaiting a reply; POC Lorie)

WSU Wine Science Center (tour; possibly before or after the WSFC May convention; POC: Mary Binder)

Registering Voters (Johanna suggestion; she updated the board on the feasibility of doing this as a way to provide NARFE/the chapter exposure; volunteers would be needed; she'll continue to get more information, e.g., would this be feasible before the November elections)

Moore Mansion tour – Based on input from some chapter members after Brad Peck's May presentation, Larry suggested a tour of the Moore Mansion with a chapter donation to the mansion's restoration fund. Mary said she'd contact Brad to see if this would be possible.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, October 25, noon, Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:45 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Secretary