

**NARFE Chapter 1192**  
**April 4, 2018 Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Pat Turner called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, WA. Cell phones were requested to be silenced. She called for a moment of silence for those our service members who put themselves in harm's way to keep our country free. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed 24 chapter members and two guests, Tom Steinert and Loren Eddy. Tom and Loren are our guest speakers today.

**Meeting Program** (Presented before the business meeting today at the speaker's request.) Tom Steinert and Loren Eddy spoke on estate planning. The possible situations and scenarios for proper planning were reviewed. The presentation included information from a list of important documents needed for estate planning. Questions and answers were fielded during the program.

**REMINDER: BOARD/CHAPTER MINUTES/TREASURER REPORTS/HANDOUTS, ETC.** Chapter minutes and treasurer reports are on the chapter's website: [www.narfe1192.org](http://www.narfe1192.org), and copies are also at meetings. Event sign-up sheets, the latest chapter newsletter, and miscellaneous handouts and NARFE forms and/or publications are also at meetings. Registration forms for the Spokane meeting in May are available.

**OFFICER/FEDERATION/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President/Special Programs** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Pat Turner.

- Chapter Bylaws: Mary Binder provided members copies of the Revised Draft Bylaws. She discussed that the changes bring our Bylaws in line with the changes to the Federation and National bylaws. The Chapter Board has approved the revised draft bylaws; Chapter members will vote on them at the May chapter meeting.
- It was moved, seconded and approved by a voice vote for the Chapter to provide a \$500 stipend for any Chapter member who attends FEDcon 2018.
- It was moved, seconded, and approved by a voice vote for the Chapter to provide a \$100 stipend for any Chapter member who attends the WSF Conference in May 2018.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** Pat Turner. No report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Service Officer** John Cavanaugh.

- John Cavanaugh is at the service office the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month and the office is staffed on the other Tuesdays as well.

**Director at Large** Nancy Crosby. No report.

**Director at Large** Bob Stewart. No report.

**Secretary/Sunshine** Faye Vlieger.

- Secretarial update: Nothing to report.
- Sunshine update:
  - A condolences card was sent to the family of James C. Stover who passed away on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - No other names were provided by the members.

**Treasurer's Report** Liz Bowers Absent. Nancy Crosby gave the report.

- Balance on hand as of February 28 in InFirst and GESA accounts, \$10,822.97. March receipts were \$561.71 and disbursements, \$920.51, leaving a combined balance of \$10,464.17. Projected obligations are \$4,826.00, leaving an unobligated

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balance of \$5,638.17. The full report is posted on the chapter website. **[NOTE: This is corrected information from the report at the chapter meeting.]**

- The new account that was opened at GESA has not started receiving direct deposit transfers yet. The old account will remain open until the transfers are verified.

**Monies collected at the April Meeting** Luncheon, \$ 324.00; NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$25.00 ; NARFE-PAC, \$65.00; Newsletter, \$9.00; 50/50 drawing, \$16.00 collected, \$8.00 awarded to Larry Williams and he donated the full amount to NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund.

**WSF President** *Nancy Crosby.*

- **FEDcon18 National Conference, August 26-28, 2018 Hyatt Regency Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL.**
  - The Federation has voted to offer a \$500 scholarship to any **elected** chapter officer who attends the National Fedcon18. We hope this will encourage more members to attend.
  - If the member is a non-elected chapter or national member the Federation is offering a \$250 scholarship. These members must be in good standing. Reimbursement instructions will be given later. Nancy said she has been encouraging all federation chapters to help their members with conference expenses to encourage attendance.
  - WSF election of officers – All current officers have elected to run for an additional term. The ballot to vote for officers and revised Federation Bylaws is on the Federation website, [www.narfewa.net](http://www.narfewa.net)
  - All of the National Conference scholarship information and registration information will be in the May/June Newsletter.
  - The Report of Bylaws and Resolutions Committee is on the NARFE website.
- **The 2018 WSF Conference will be May 14-16, 2018 at the Mirabeau Park Hotel, Spokane Valley, WA.**
  - The Federation is paying \$50 scholarships to members who attend the Conference.
  - The Chapter has decided to offer \$100 scholarship to Chapter members who attend the Conference.
  - The registration form is on the WSF website [www.narfewa.net](http://www.narfewa.net) and has been sent to all chapter presidents.
  - The Booster List signup is closed. The list will be submitted prior to our May meeting.

**WSF Alzheimer's Chairman** *Lorie Bennett.* Absent.

**WSF District V VP** *Mary Binder.*

- Walla Walla Chapter – targeting closing. Projected date is September 1.
- Yakima Chapter – Mary will be working with the Chapter on updating its Bylaws.

**Newsletter/PR** *Mary Binder.*

- The May/June newsletter deadline for submitting information is April 6, 2018.
- No hidden numbers were found, to date, in the March/April newsletter.
- 2018 NARFE Photo Contest, August 1, 2017 – April 15, 2018.
  - Theme, "The Glory of America" – What does the glory of America mean to you?

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- Senior Life Show June 13, 2018.
  - We will have a table at this event. Setup is from 7 – 9:30 am, and the event is from 10 am to 4 pm.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Tri-Cities Wine Festival Coat Check November 10, 2018.
  - A volunteer to chair this project was requested.

**Legislative** *Mary Binder.*

- National – proposed postal reform legislation remains a top concern for NARFE as it would force retirees to take Medicare Part B to keep their FEHB program coverage, and then would potentially open a “Pandora’s Box” that could affect non-postal retirees.
- State – taking down the dams and/or requiring more water to flow, and the potential to increase our utility rates, remains a top area concern.

**Alzheimer’s** *Larry Williams.* Nothing to report.

**NARFE-PAC** *Bob Stewart.*

- Collected \$15 today’s meeting. Year to date donations of \$117.00
- An update on our local, state and national donations will be in the May/June newsletter.

**Membership** *Johanna Caylor.* Nothing to report.

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

**OLD BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**Free Lunch Drawing** Won by Terese Pratt.

**50/50 Drawing** Won by Larry Williams,

- \$16 collected/ \$8 awarded and was donated to the NARFE Alzheimer’s Research Fund.

**April Birthdays** None.

**April Anniversaries** *Johanna Caylor.*

**Next Exec Board Meetings**

- Wednesday April 4, 2018 immediately following the Chapter meeting, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick.
- Thursday, May 3, 2018, Zintel Creek Golf Club, Kennewick, WA, at 1 pm. All members are invited. **[NOTE: This was changed at the Board meeting on April 4, 2018 to May 2, 2018, immediately following the Chapter meeting at the Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, WA.]**

**Next Chapter Meeting** Wednesday, May 2, 2018 noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick; doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch and business meeting begin at noon; program follows.

**May Chapter Meeting Program** Board members will highlight with members the NARFE Bylaws and Resolutions Committee recommendations in preparation for voting. **(POC: Mary Binder)**

**Closing Remarks** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Pat Turner:

- Respond to any requests for information made by your representatives.

**MEETING AJOURNED** 1:16 p.m.

Prepared by:  
*Faye Vlieger,*  
*Secretary*