

NARFE Chapter 1192

December 3, 2008, Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER President Nancy Crosby called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order, 12:03 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. She welcomed 29 members; called for a moment of silence to reflect on all that has been happening in the world; then introduced the head table and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Nancy extended a special welcome to new members from TSA, Sandee Haats and Carol Devine. She also welcomed Sandy Keating and Al Lake who had not been at a meeting for awhile.

MEETING MINUTES Secretary Mary Binder highlighted the November Chapter minutes and noted one correction to the minutes that were posted on the Chapter's Web site. The minutes had stated that Mary Goldie provided the Service Officers report; rather, they should have reflected that President Nancy provided the report for Mary Goldie. There were no questions or comments. The minutes were approved. Copies of the Chapter October minutes were at the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Philip LaMont provided the November report. Balance on hand as of Nov. 30, \$7,352.27. Receipts during the reporting period were \$701.32 and disbursements, \$474.92. Projected obligations are \$3,070.13. Balance on hand for use, \$4,279.14. Nancy said that while we have some money now, it won't last long; we'll need to think about fundraisers.

Monies collected at the November meeting Luncheon, \$336; Alzheimer's Fund, \$10; Newsletter Fund, \$9; and 50/50 Raffle, \$22 collected/\$11 awarded.

DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

District VP Carl Gallion highlighted information from Region IX vice president Lanny Ross' report on the NARFE National Executive Board meeting, Nov. 10-14, NARFE Headquarters, Alexandria, Va., including upcoming changes to the NARFE monthly magazine. Carl encouraged members to read the magazine, especially the December issue, which has much information.

Alzheimer's Chairman Bill Darke thanked all who donated and/or bought items at last month's white elephant auction. Of the \$857 collected, \$119 was deposited in the Chapter's Alzheimer's Fund; \$738 was sent to the Federation's Alzheimer's chairman in Spokane. Alzheimer's fund donations are kept in the Chapter's account for a donation at the Federation's annual convention.

Hospitality Carl reported he was still working with the Red Lion to finalize next year's menu but the lunch price would remain at the current \$12. This was a change to the announcement last month about an expected increase and received as good news.

Legislative Mary Binder announced that Legislative Co-Chair, Don Binder, would resume attending Washington senators Patty Murray's and Maria Cantwell's morning coffee get-togethers when Congress comes back in session in January. For those monitoring November election results, Mary reported the Georgia senatorial race had just been decided; Minnesota's still had not. Therefore, the Senate will be either 58-42 or 59-41, with Democrats in control either way.

Membership For Chairman Johanna Caylor, President Nancy reported that Johanna is en route to Arizona for the winter but continues to monitor membership and make address changes. Nancy reminded members to let Johanna know if they have an address change, including e-mail changes.

NARFE-PAC For Chairman Don Binder, Mary Binder said contributions are welcome, especially after the recent elections during which NARFE Headquarters used funds to support requests from specific candidates. She also reported NARFE-PAC pins are available for contributions of at least \$20.

Newsletter For Johanna, President Nancy reported that she and Mary Binder would doing the January/February newsletter for Johanna. Members can expect it later in the month.

Public Relations President Nancy said the monthly meeting announcement was in Sunday's *Tri-City Herald*.

Service Officers Nancy Schreckhise said she was glad to be back from Colorado and Mary Goldie said she was glad Nancy was back!

Sunshine Anne Ross said she had no report this month.

Website President Nancy reminded members that Larry Williams posts the monthly Chapter and Board meeting minutes on the Web site, as well as the newsletter and other information. She also reported that NARFE National has changed its Web site format and it is more user-friendly. She encouraged members to check it out.

NEW BUSINESS

Installation of Officers Carl Gallion, district vice president, installed the Chapter's officers for the coming year: Nancy Crosby, president; Gary Hagedorn, 1st vice president; Carl Gallion, 2nd vice president; Phil LaMont, treasurer; Mary Binder, secretary. Gary is new to his position; all others are returning to the offices they've held this year.

OLD BUSINESS No old business.

PROGRAM

Wes Norman President Nancy welcomed Wes Norman and his wife, Evie. Nancy shared that Wes has written and self-published a book, *Wes Norman's War*, which is a recounting of his experiences during WWII. She read an article from the *Tri-City Herald*, Nov. 11, 2008, regarding Wes and his book. Nancy said he would be available after the meeting to answer questions, and that he had copies of his book, which he was selling for \$18. She thanked Wes for his service; members gave him a standing ovation. Nancy presented Wes with a NARFE bolo tie.

Holiday Program President Nancy announced that this year's holiday program was going to feature us – members attending the meeting singing Christmas carols. Nancy brought her electric keyboard, which she had programmed with four carols: *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*; *Joy to the World*; *Silent Night*; and, *Jingle Bells*. Nancy provided copies of the words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drawings Nancy Schreckhise won \$11, 50/50 raffle; Phil LaMont won the free lunch.

Executive Board Meeting The meeting will follow the Chapter meeting, Red Lion Hotel; all members are invited to attend.

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 7, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick.

January Meeting Program Genie Tours will provide information about travel opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 1:05 p.m.

Mary Alice Binder
Secretary