

**NARFE Chapter 1192**  
**December 2, 2009, Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Nancy Crosby called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order, 12:00 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. She called for a moment of silence to remember the 4 police officers killed this week in Lakewood, Wash., and our military. She then introduced the head table and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Nancy welcomed 27 members, and introduced/welcome Steve Haberman, who provided the holiday entertainment.

**MEETING MINUTES** Secretary Mary Binder highlighted the November Chapter meeting minutes. Also, she said there were no Executive Board meeting minutes as that meeting was cancelled due to the length of time for the white elephant auction for the Alzheimer's Research Fund at the November meeting. There was one correction – this year's Health Benefits Open Season ends December 14 not December 15 as in the minutes. There were no other comments or corrections. The minutes were approved. (Note: Minutes are posted on the Chapter's Web site, and copies are available at Chapter meetings.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Acting Treasurer Nancy Crosby provided the report. Balance on hand as of October 31, \$7,479.79, a corrected amount from the November meeting report. November receipts were \$805.68 and disbursements, \$636.20, leaving a balance of \$7,649.27. Projected dedicated funds are \$4,794.00 leaving an undedicated funds balance of \$2,885.27. Nancy said the Chapter is in good shape, but that if the NARFE dues referendum passes, we don't yet know what the full affect would be on the Chapter.

**Monies collected at the November meeting** Luncheon, \$312; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$7; NARFE-PAC, \$20; Newsletter Fund, \$13; and 50/50 Raffle, \$36 collected/\$18 awarded.

**DISTRICT/OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President** No report.

**District VP** Carl Gallion reported:

- He will be on the road in the next week to install new officers for chapters in his district.
- He and Don Binder attended the November 18, Washington Federation meeting in Tacoma. Although there were tabled items, there was discussion about state conventions – frequency and locations; the proposed NARFE dues referendum – should know more at the January Federation meeting in Everett; and, proposed Congressional legislation and how it might impact NARFE members.

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** No report.

**Alzheimer's** Chairman Bill Darke said last month's white elephant auction for NARFE Alzheimer's Research was fun, and that some folks even got in some holiday shopping! He reported that with the \$993 collected in November for Alzheimer's that the Chapter's Alzheimer's account had \$1,184.83. Bill said he sent \$1,000 to the Federation Alzheimer chairman, leaving a Chapter account balance of \$184.33. Also, he has pins for those contributing at least \$20 to NARFE Alzheimer's.

**Hospitality** Chairman Carl Gallion said he was still in dialogue with the hotel regarding next year's menus and costs, but was close to finalizing the details. Carl said the menu and costs should be about the same as this year. The room has been re-confirmed.

**Legislative** Co-legislative Chair Don Binder reported:

- There would be no COLA in 2010. Also, members may not see a 2011 COLA as 2008 Consumer Price Index figures were being used for 2011 determinations.
- There is a great health benefits article in the current *NARFE* magazine.
- Open season for the long-term care insurance program was extended to February 15. More information is in the current *NARFE* magazine and on NARFE's website.

**Membership** For Chairman Johanna Caylor, President Nancy reported the Chapter had received several new member applications and a Federation check reflecting a variety of membership reimbursement categories.

**NARFE-PAC** Chairman Don Binder thanked Fred Robinson for his contribution and reminded members that he does have PAC pins for contributions of at least \$20.

**Newsletter** President Nancy announced that articles for the January/February Chapter newsletter are due to her or Mary Binder by Friday, December 11.

**Public Relations** For Chairman Gary Hagedorn, President Nancy reported that the December Chapter meeting announcement was in the Sunday, November 29, *Tri-City Herald*. She also reported that the *Herald* announcements can longer include information about a meeting's program or speaker.

**Service Officers** Mary Goldie reported that the Service Office is doing fine.

**Sunshine**

- Chairman Anne Ross gave her last report as chairman. Wes and Evie Norman were celebrating their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; Larry Musen, his 71<sup>st</sup> birthday.
- President Nancy presented Anne with a card thanking her for all her years of service as the Chapter's Sunshine chairman.
- Nancy announced that Carolyn Reeploeg has agreed to take over as Sunshine chairman, with Mary Binder and Nancy serving as her backups. She encouraged members to let Carolyn know if chapter members/their families need cards, e.g., for illness, a death or some type of "super special occasion." Carolyn can be reached at [jdmcer@juno.com](mailto:jdmcer@juno.com), or 375-1229.

**Website** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS** Installation of officers – postponed until January as 2 of the officers to be installed could not make the December meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS** No old business.

**PROGRAM**

**Steve Haberman, Entertainment Tri-Cities** Steve, a professional pianist/entertainer, provided holiday music during the Chapter's social time, 11:30 to noon, and then after the Chapter meeting. He received several rounds of applause from Chapter members. President Nancy thanked him for the wonderful music, and gave him a thank you card and Chapter mug as an expression of appreciation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Health Benefits Open Season** President Nancy reminded members to check the *NARFE* magazine for information on the various health plans if they are considering a change.

**WSFC Committees** President Nancy reminded members that she does have applications for anyone interested in serving on a Federation committee.

**Chapter Committees** President Nancy said all Chapter committees can use help, e.g., for the newsletter and as callers, and asked members to consider volunteering.

**Food Drive** President Nancy said she would take the food items donated at today's meeting to the KNDU food drive on Saturday.

**Drawings** Beulah Qualheim, \$18, 50/50 raffle; Bill Darke won the free lunch.

**Executive Board Meeting** Scheduled for after the Chapter meeting, same room.

**Next Chapter Meeting** Wednesday, January 6, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick.

**January Meeting Program** Installation of 2010 officers; Dr. Travis Carter, podiatrist, on foot care for seniors.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Deacon Al Rizzo** At this times of year with Advent and its focus on preparation, Deacon Rizzo encouraged members to look deep inside – for belief and hope to help prepare them for life.

**Meeting adjourned** 12:36 p.m.

*Mary Alice Binder,*  
*Secretary*