

NARFE Chapter 1192
February 7, 2018 Chapter Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER President Lorie Bennett called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. Cell phones were requested to be silenced. She called for a moment of silence for those members who have passed, our service members, law enforcement and EMTs that are working to keep us safe and healthy. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed 19 chapter members and one guest Jason Mercer our speaker for today.

REMINDER: BOARD/CHAPTER MINUTES/TREASURER REPORTS/HANDOUTS, ETC. Chapter minutes and treasurer reports are on the chapter's website; The chapter's website: 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.

OFFICER/FEDERATION/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Reminders & Reports:
 - A committee of Nancy Crosby, Pat Turner & John Cavanaugh met to update the chapter bylaws. Recommendations for changes have been made and will be presented to the Executive Board on February 8th.
 - The Kennewick Walk to End Alzheimer's is October 13th. President Bennett asked for a team from the Chapter be organized for this event. All monies collected from the walk are used locally.
 - The Columbia Sternwheeler is having a sailing in April 28th to the Columbia locks. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting.
 - Dust Devils No schedule yet but a sign-up sheet will be available next month.
 - John Cavanaugh will be at service office the 1st Tues of the month and the office is staffed on the other Tuesdays as well.

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

2nd Vice President/Service Officer *John Cavanaugh.* No report.

Director at Large *Nancy Crosby.* No report.

Director at Large *Bob Stewart.* No report.

Secretary/Sunshine *Faye Vlieger.*

- We received a card from Roger Heusser that his wife Nadine passed away on December 23, 2017. Faye will send a card expressing our condolences.
- Oneta Denson's brother in-law passed away in January and a condolences card was sent.
- Eileen Rutledge passed away over the weekend. A card with our condolences was sent on 2/6 to the family.
- AFE James E. Rodriguez of DOE has had a heart attack and on last report was in Kadlec hospital. A Get Well card is being sent.

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

- Balance on hand as of January 31, 2018 \$10,776.00. January receipts were \$738.34 and disbursements, \$5,524.05, leaving a balance of \$5,990.29. Projected obligations are \$5,094.00, leaving an unobligated balance of \$896.29 plus the initial transfer of \$5,000.00 to the new account at GESA. The full report is posted on the chapter website.

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- We will be changing the bank we use for our Chapter accounts. An account was opened at GESA and we are still ensuring that transfers for chapter automatic dues payments will be made to the new account before we complete the transfer solely to the new account.
- There was an audit of the 2017 books on January 9, 2018 by Liz Bowers and Faye Vlieger.
- **Monies collected at the January Meeting** Luncheon, \$ 252.00 ; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$25; NARFE-PAC, \$37; Newsletter, \$8; 50/50 drawing, \$ 20 collected, \$10 awarded to Larry Williams and he donated the full amount to Alzheimer's.
- **WSFC President** *Nancy Crosby.*
 - The WSFC bylaws have been submitted to John Dowie, National Secretary/Treasurer for preliminary review. To date we have not received a response.
 - The Federation has voted to offer a \$500 scholarship to any **elected** chapter officer that attends the national Fedcon18 Conference in Jacksonville, FL, August 26-28, 2018. 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. We encourage all chapters to also help with the expense of your members attending the conferences.
 - As previously announced the Federation is paying \$50 towards the May 2018 State Federation Conference. The registration form will soon be on the WSFC website www.narfewa.net and has been sent to all chapter presidents.
 - The 2018 WSFC Convention will be May 14-16, 2018 at the Mirabeau Park Hotel, Spokane Valley. The agenda is still being worked. Both the federation and chapter will help members who want to attend with costs. The amount will be determined when conference costs are set.
 - Mark your calendars for the 2018 National Conference, August 26-29, 2018 Hyatt Regency Riverfront, Jacksonville, Fla.

WSFC Alzheimer's *Lorie Bennett.*

WSFC District V VP *Mary Binder.*

Newsletter/PR *Mary Binder.*

- The March/April newsletter deadline for submitting information is February 9th.
- The hidden number found by Jim Partridge.
- 2018 Chapter outreach action plan was completed. We are the only Chapter that submitted a plan.
- 2018 NARFE Photo Contest, August 1, 2017 – April 15, 2018.
 - Theme, "The Glory of America" – What does the glory of America mean to you?
- 2018 NARFE-FEEA Steve Bauer Scholarship Awards Program.
 - Application period, November 13 thru March 21 – This is a change!
 - Applications/information online, NARFE website.

Legislative *Mary Binder.*

Alzheimer's *Larry Williams.* No report.

NARFE-PAC *Bob Stewart.*

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- Collected \$27 +\$4 from January Meeting (I was not at meeting), making a total of \$31 to be sent to HQ.
- Information from the 4th Qtr reports from HQ, as follows:
 - Chapter Meeting collections for 2017 were \$462. Including Sustainer collections, total Chapter donations for 2017 were \$1,725, which was 7th overall in the state. Vancouver was 1st with \$3,030.
 - State contributions totaled \$27,905 for 2017.
 - Region 9 contributions were \$48,496 for 2017.
 - National Totals were \$874,417.44 for 2017.
 - Disbursements to State congress reps totaled \$12,000 in 2017. The representatives to whom donations were made and amounts are listed in the March/April Newsletter.
 - An update on our local, state and national donations will be in the March/April newsletter.

Membership *Johanna Caylor*. Absent. No report.

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

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS *Nancy Crosby*. The national resolutions and bylaws committee has a new report out. After it is reviewed it will be available to the membership to prepare for the discussions and voting at the national meeting.

Free Lunch Drawing Sig Preston.

50/50 Drawing Larry Williams, \$20 collected/\$10 awarded and was donated to Alzheimer's.

February Birthdays None.

February Anniversaries None.

Next Exec Board Meeting Thursday, March 8, 2018, 1 pm at the Zintel Creek Golf Club (formerly known as Tri City Country Club), Kennewick. All members invited.

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, March 7, 2018 noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick; doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch and business meeting begin at noon; program follows.

March Chapter Meeting Program Bill Kitchen, Director, Tri Cities Food Bank. This will be our annual food drive. Bring non-perishable food items and/or donations to the next meeting.

Closing Remarks President Lorie Bennett:

- Continue to stay engaged with our elected officials through NARFE. Respond to any requests for information made by your representatives.
- Valentine's Day is February 14th.

MEETING AJOURNED 12:38 p.m.

Prepared by:
Faye Vlieger,
Secretary

Meeting Program Jason Mercer director, Center for Government Reform spoke on the current climate and legislation in Olympia.