

NARFE Chapter 1192
February 5, 2020 Chapter Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER President Pat Turner called the meeting to order at 11:57 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. She reminded attendees to silence their electronic devices.

- Pat called for a moment of silence for all the suffering American citizens
- She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Pat welcomed 24 members and 3 guests, member Bill Darke's wife Marilyn, Kerry Harris, and Walupa Hendrickson. She also welcomed our guest speaker Jason Mercier.

OFFICER/FEDERATION/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President *Pat Turner*

REMINDERS:

- NARFE Federal Benefits Institute webinars, 2 p.m., Eastern Time.
 - Past Webinars are available on the NARFE Website.
 - The full schedule is on the NARFE website.
 - The next few webinars are:
 - February 27 TSP - Your Ticket to a Secure Future
 - March 12 - Set Your Retirement Goals and Plan the Process
 - April 16 - It's Never too Early to Start Planning: What New and Mid-Career Feds Need to Know
- Members who do not cancel a confirmed luncheon reservation for the chapter meeting by 10 a.m., the Monday before the meeting, will be charged the meal cost.
- Check the back table or the chapter website for minutes, newsletters, etc.
- Also check the website for lunch menus and meeting programs.

1st Vice President *Nancy Crosby.*

- Nancy gave an update on Mary Binder. She is still recuperating and was given permission to fly. She is with friends in Palm Desert. She is not allowed to drive yet. She has resumed editing the newsletter and we welcome her contributions.
- Nancy also reported that Bob Stewart is still recuperating from a medication reaction at a care facility in Yakima. Please send cards to his home address, 364 Rockwood Dr, Richland, WA 99252, and his wife will deliver them to Yakima.

Secretary *Mary Binder – Faye Vlieger is filling in for Mary while she is recuperating.*

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report *Liz Bowers.*

- The 2020 Budget was presented, and questions were addressed with copies available for the members and on the website.
- Liz reported that the chapter's savings and checking accounts combined balance at the end of December was \$16,475.76. December income, \$686.28; expenses, \$496.05. Ending balance, \$16,665.99.
- **Monies collected at the February Meeting** Luncheon, \$517; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$108 was donated; NARFE-PAC, \$?; newsletter; \$1, 50/50; \$22 collected, \$11 awarded to Johanna Caylor.

Sunshine *Faye Vlieger.*

- Faye reported that "Get Well" card was sent to Mary Ellen Amundsen, and "Thinking of You" cards to Mary Binder, and Bob Stewart.

Newsletter/Public Relations *Mary Binder - Nancy Crosby is filling in.*

- January/February chapter newsletter has been completed and sent.
- Did you receive your newsletter? Go electronic, if possible, to save printing/mailling costs – Let Nancy know if you wish to change your delivery option.

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- The annual NARFE photo contest is August 1 through April 7, 2020. This year's theme – "Home Sweet Home." NARFE wants to know what that means to you. Handouts with information were available.
- On January 29 Nancy and Pat attended the TriCities Regional Chamber of Commerce will hosted by the, Women in Business Luncheon and Athena Award, Three Rivers Convention Center.

Legislative *Nancy Crosby*

- WSF Nominating Committee – update
We have candidates for all elected officer positions. The voting ballot will be on the federation website soon. The nominees are:
 - President – Steve Roy
 - Vice President – Mary Binder
 - Secretary – Linda Wallers
 - Treasurer – Arlene Patton

NARFE-PAC *John Wetterling* – Is stepping up to take over this position.

- We are accepting PAC donations.
- The year-end contribution summary will be in the March/April newsletter.

WSF: *Nancy Crosby, Mary Binder, Lorie Bennett.*

- President Nancy:
- The 2020 WSF conference is scheduled for May 19-21, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Seattle North, Lynnwood.
 - There will be an election for officers prior to the conference. Election information is posted on the federation website, and will be published in the NARFE magazine as well as on the federation website www.narfewa.org.
 - The federation will provide a \$50 "scholarship" for federation members who attend to help offset costs.
- **FEDcon20** is scheduled for August 30 to September 1, Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale, Arizona. There is an announcement on page 22, November *narfe* magazine about the conference at www.narfe.org/Fedcon20.
- **AMS** is still being updated. Training tutorials are available online.
- District V VP Mary – Absent.

Alzheimer's: (*Lorie*) – update

- From July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 Washington State Chapters have contributed \$7,121.18, this was for the first six months of FY 2020.
- The Walk to End Alzheimer's at the end of December 2019 has raised a total of \$74,581.00. This was with 72 NARFE Teams, the goal for NARFE was to have 70 teams.

Alzheimer's *Larry Williams* - \$108 was donated this meeting.

Webmaster *Larry Williams.*

- Last month's presentation by Dr. Krishnaswami has been posted to the website.

Membership *Johanna Caylor*

- Johanna reported that she has sent letters, certificates and pins to those out-of-town/state members who are now NARFE "distinguished members." A few more need to be delivered. Wally Hendrickson and Ruby Ulseth were recognized as Distinguished Members.

Caller Coordinator *Darleen Wall* – No report.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Food Drive will be held at the March Chapter meeting with a presentation by Second Harvest. So mark your calendars and bring food or money donations.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS The April meeting program will be Mark C. Smith the author of "Something Extraordinary".

Free Lunch Drawing Sig Preston

50/50 Drawing \$22 collected, \$11 awarded to Johanna Caylor.

February Birthdays None.

February Anniversaries None.

Next Exec Board Meeting February 19, Zintel Creek Golf Club, Kennewick. All welcome.

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, March 4, 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 Presentation by Second Harvest and Food Drive.

Closing Remarks *President Pat Turner.*

Pat thanked Jason Mercier and said she hoped everyone has a nice rest of February.

MEETING CLOSED 1:04 p.m.

Prepared for Secretary Mary Binder by *Faye Vlieger*

CHAPTER MEETING PROGRAM Jason Mercier Director, Center for Government Reform, provided an update on the 2020 Washington State legislative session. Items discussed were salmon culverts, payroll tax on employees and some of the other 1300 bills introduced for this short 60 day session.