

NARFE Chapter 1192
March 7, 2018 Chapter Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 1st 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 members who have passed, our service members, law enforcement who put themselves in harm's way serving our country. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed 24 chapter members and three guests, Mrs. Dot Stewart, and Bill Kitchen. Bill is our guest speaker 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. Registration forms for the Spokane meeting in May are available.

OFFICER/FEDERATION/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Reminders & Reports:
 - John Cavanaugh is at the service office the 1st Tuesday of the month and the office is staffed on the other Tuesdays as well.

1st Vice President *Pat Turner. 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.*

- Remember to respond as soon as possible to any email requests.
- A Get Well card was sent to President Lorie Bennett who is recuperating from surgery.

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

- Balance on hand InFirst Account as of February 28, 2018 was \$5,990.29. February receipts were \$219.93 and disbursements, \$324.05, leaving a balance of \$5,886.17. Projected obligations are \$5,214.00, leaving an unobligated balance of \$627, plus the initial transfer of \$5,000.00 to the new account at GESA.
- 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 February Meeting Luncheon, \$ 252.00 ; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$21; NARFE-PAC, \$15; Newsletter, \$8; 50/50 drawing, \$ 20 collected, \$10 awarded to Larry Williams and he donated the full amount to Alzheimer's.

WSF President *Nancy Crosby.*

- The WSF bylaws have been submitted to Jon Dowie, National Secretary/Treasurer for preliminary review. To date we have not received a response to date.
- **2018 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 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

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- 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.
- WSF election of officers – All current officers have elected to run for an additional term. Nomination forms are available.
 - 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 Convention will be May 14-16, 2018 at the Mirabeau Park Hotel, Spokane Valley, WA.**
 - As previously announced the Federation is paying \$50 scholarships toward members who attend the May 2018 State Federation Conference/Convention.
 - The Chapter has decided to offer \$100 scholarship to Chapter members who attend the State federation Conference/Convention.
 - The registration form will soon be on the WSF website www.narfewa.net and has been sent to all chapter presidents.
 - All of the WSF Conference/Convention scholarship and registration information will be in the May/June Newsletter.
 - The Booster List signup will continue for the next months. The cost is \$1 per person.

WSF Chairman Alzheimer's *Lorie Bennett.*

WSF District V VP *Mary Binder.*

- Walla Walla Chapter – is meeting March 10th to discuss closure.
- Yakima Chapter – has a meeting location issue.

Newsletter/PR *Mary Binder.*

- March/April newsletter has been completed.
- No hidden numbers in the Chapter Newsletter were not found.
- The May/June newsletter deadline for submitting information is April 6, 2018.
- 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.
- The 2018 Chapter Outreach Plan has been submitted.
- 40th Tri-Cities Wine Festival Coat Check November 10, 2018.
- Senior Pages Publication
 - Copies are available on the tables.
 - No one had received it in the mail.

Legislative *Mary Binder.*

- Mary provided a general summary of current national legislative issues and state legislative issues that could impact members.

Alzheimer's *Larry Williams.*

- Total collected today \$31. An \$80 check was sent to the State Alzheimer's Coordinator.

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- We have collected \$462 from the Chapter meetings to date for this year.
- For the May to May fiscal year our Chapter has donated \$2,800.

NARFE-PAC *Bob Stewart.*

- Collected \$15 today's meeting. Last year's total was \$1,725.00.
- An update on our local, state and national donations are 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 *Larry Williams.*

50/50 Drawing *Larry Williams,*

- \$20 collected/\$10 awarded and was donated to Alzheimer's.

March Birthdays *Faye Vlieger.*

March Anniversaries *Darleen Wall.*

Next Exec Board Meeting Wednesday, March 8, 2018, Zintel Creek Golf Club, Kennewick, WA, at 1 pm. All members are invited.

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, April 4, 2018 noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick; doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch and business meeting begin at noon; program follows.

April Chapter Meeting Program *Tom Steinert, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones.* He will provide factual information, not financial advice.

Closing Remarks 1st Vice President *Pat Turner:*

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

MEETING AJOURNED 12:32 p.m.

Prepared by:
Faye Vlieger,
Secretary

Meeting Program *Bill Kitchen, Director, Tri-Cities Food Bank.* Bill spoke on the business and workings of the Tri-Cities Food Bank, and the various programs they provide. They are always looking for HAPPY volunteers.