

## **NARFE Chapter 1192**

### **May 7, 2008, Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** Chapter President Nancy Crosby called to order the Chapter's regular monthly meeting, 12:05 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. She welcomed 28 members and 2 guests, called for a moment of silence and introduced the head table. Chapter member, Dolores Rizzo, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEETING MINUTES** Secretary Mary Binder summarized the April Chapter meeting minutes; there were no questions or comments. The minutes were approved as presented. Copies were available on the entrance table and will be on the Chapter's web site.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Nancy reported for Philip LaMont, treasurer, who could not attend the meeting. The treasurer's report has been reformatted; the PRS account has been closed and funds incorporated into the Chapter's general fund as the Chapter does not expect to do another retirement seminar anytime soon; and, the issues regarding the per capita tax amount the Chapter owes to the state NARFE federation for each Chapter member is being worked. As of April 30, the available balance on hand was \$4,110.54. During the reporting period, receipts were \$6,572.01 (includes the \$5,829.56 from the PRS account) and disbursements, \$596.15. Projected obligations are \$3,671.16.

**Monies collected at the May meeting** Luncheon, \$324; Alzheimer's Fund, \$6; Newsletter Fund, \$12; 50/50 raffle, \$30collected/\$15 awarded.

### **DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**District VP** Carl Gallion reported that 37 attended the April 17, District Workshop at the Kennewick Red Lion, and that it was a "wonderful workshop" – good planning, information and food. He also said his "contract was renewed" and he will remain our district vice president.

**Alzheimer's** Johanna Caylor reported that she hopes the Chapter can donate \$350 at the upcoming state convention in Walla Walla. This year the Chapter has more in its Alzheimer's fund due to a \$100 anonymous donation.

**Hospitality** Carl reported there continues to be positive feedback regarding the meeting room location and table arrangement changes.

**Legislative** Mary Binder followed up on last month's announcement at the Chapter's meeting regarding the Office of Personnel Management's proposal to Federal Employees Health Benefits Program plans to consider separate coverage for employees/retirees also covered by or eligible for Medicare. NARFE has concerns regarding this proposal. A handout had been distributed and made available on the Chapter's web site. Copies were again at the May meeting. When asked how many had written to our Congressional reps, only two members indicated they had done so, including Carl who'd received a response from Congressman Doc Hasting's office. Mary encouraged members to contact/write our Congressional reps if this was an issue of concern and to feel free to use the verbiage provided in the handout.

**Membership** No report.

**NARFE-PAC** Bill Darke reminded members there is an article in the Chapter's newsletter that highlights the state's PAC contributions.

**Newsletter** The May/June Chapter newsletter is out – mailed, e-mailed and is posted on the Chapter's web site. Members need to notify the Chapter if their home or e-mail addresses change.

**Public Relations** No report.

**Service Officers** No report.

**Sunshine** Anne Ross provided several updates and introduced new member, Lorie Bennett. She welcomed back Robbie Robinson, Wally Hendrickson and Marian Shaw, who had not been at meetings for awhile. Anne reported that Nancy Schreckhise is still in Colorado dealing with ill family members; and, that Barbara Rutt, Mable Rutt's daughter-in-law passed away as did Susan Avery's husband. Anne said she sent congratulations to Sherry Martin for an award she received from the Postal Service; and, congratulated Al and Dolores Rizzo who celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Website** Nancy offered kudos to Larry Williams for all his efforts with the Chapter's web site.

**NEW BUSINESS** No new business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**State Convention** Carl reported that, to date, there are 120 delegates and 15 chapters registered for the NARFE state convention, in Walla Walla, May 19-21, Marcus Whitman Hotel. The Chapter's June meeting program will provide members a recap of the convention.

**PROGRAM** Clinical audiologist, Dr. Neil Aiello, was the featured speaker. He works with his father at Columbia Basin Hearing Center, Richland. His presentation addressed hearing loss, dizziness and balance disorders in the elderly. He answered a number of audience questions and remained after the meeting to address additional questions. He encouraged audience members who may have hearing or balance issues to seek help. He said, "You do not have to learn to live with it." His presentation was well received.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Drawings** Johanna won \$15, 50/50 raffle – a first for her; Mary Binder won the free lunch.

**Executive Board Meeting** Wednesday, May 7, immediately following the Chapter meeting, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick. All members invited.

**Next Chapter Meeting** Wednesday, June 4, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick.

**June Meeting Program** Presentation with highlights and summary information from the May NARFE state convention.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Deacon Rizzo** When you have a problem, what do you do – a question Deacon Rizzo posed to members. Do we tackle problems like a bee pollinating flowers and look for options. What drives our inner self, is our "inner ear" keeping us balanced ... just some things to think about.

**Meeting adjourned** 1:25 p.m.

*Mary Alice Binder*  
*Secretary*