

NARFE Chapter 1192

November 5, 2008, Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER President Nancy Crosby called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order, 12:12 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. She welcomed 23 members; reflected on the Presidential election and the marvelous voter turnout, wished the President-elect well, and called for a moment of silence. Nancy led the Pledge of Allegiance, introduced the head table and welcomed back Joan and Dick Bradley as members.

MEETING MINUTES Secretary Mary Binder highlighted the October Chapter minutes. There were no questions or comments. The minutes were approved. Copies of the Chapter and Executive Board minutes were at the meeting and are on the Chapter's web site.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Philip LaMont provided the October report. Balance on hand as of Oct. 31, \$7,125.87. Receipts during the reporting period were \$834.16 and disbursements, \$1,229.11. Projected obligations are \$3,090.13. Balance on hand for use, \$4,035.74. Phil thanked Carolyn Reeploeg and Nancy Crosby for their assistance with the report.

Monies collected at the November meeting Luncheon, \$264; Alzheimer's Fund, \$857 (\$552 collected; \$305 raised from the meeting's white elephant auction); Newsletter Fund, \$9; and 50/50 Raffle, \$26 collected/\$13 awarded, and donated to the Alzheimer's Fund.

DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

District VP Carl Gallion reported that he attend the Oct. 16, Washington Federation meeting in Tacoma. He highlighted information from the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, including summary information provided by Lanny Ross, Region IX vice president, on several issues and topics. Of particular note, a new blog site for Service Officers: <http://www.narfe.org/sobb>. Carl also reminded members about the Federation's 2009 convention in Wenatchee, May 14-15. On a personal note, Carl thanked everyone who came to his support the past month after his wife, Marlene, passed away.

Alzheimer's Chairman Bill Darke and President Nancy reminded members writing checks for Alzheimer's and wanting Chapter 1192 to get credit to make the checks out to "NARFE Alzheimer's" and write "Chapter 1192" on the lower left memo line.

Hospitality Carl reported that he is working with the Red Lion on next year's menu and prices; expect a price increase. Carl will have more information to report at the December meeting.

Legislative Mary Binder announced that Legislative Co-Chair, Don Binder, would resume attending Washington senators Patty Murray's and Maria Cantwell's morning coffee get-togethers when Congress comes back in session in January.

Membership For Chairman Johanna Caylor, president Nancy reported that 30 NARFE packets were provided for a recent DOE-sponsored retiree seminar in the Federal Building, Richland.

NARFE-PAC For Chairman Don Binder, Carl and Mary Binder provided information on the NARFE-PAC Seventh Quarter 2007-2008 report, including that Washington Federation contributions are just over \$3 above the national average at \$26.34 vs. \$23.28. Total contributions to date during the reporting cycle: Chapter 1192, \$1,065; Washington Federation, \$34,011; all states/territories/DC, \$947,344.16. Carl also reported that Lanny Ross had contacted him with a last-minute request prior to the November elections regarding using some NARFE-PAC funds for candidate George Fearing in his U.S. congressional campaign against incumbent Doc Hastings. Carl said a challenge is that chapters do not know the results from such requests, that is, if the funds are actually used and/or how.

Newsletter For Johanna, President Nancy reported that the November/December newsletter was mailed October 30. Johanna is continuing to review both the mailing and electronic address lists for duplications and corrections. A reminder to members – the newsletter has hidden numbers. Sig Preston received a \$5 check for finding her membership number in the newsletter!

Public Relations President Nancy said the monthly meeting announcement was not in Sunday's *Tri-City Herald*; Mary Binder reported it was in Saturday's edition.

Service Officers Mary Goldie thanked the callers for a great job in soliciting white elephant items for the meeting's auction. She also reported that Nancy Schreckhise is expected back soon.

Sunshine Anne Ross provided the following information: she sent cards to Stella Burke, Lois Pace, Dirres (Dee) Cohoe and Larry Musen; flowers and a card were sent from the Chapter to Carl Gallion on the death of his wife, Marlene. Anne read the note of appreciation Carl sent the Chapter.

Website Reminder: Larry Williams posts the Chapter's monthly and board meeting minutes on the web site, as well as the newsletter and other handouts.

NEW BUSINESS

COLA Increases President Nancy reported that the CSRS COLA increase is 5.8%; FERS, 4.8%; and Social Security, 5.8%.

Health Benefits Open Season President Nancy reminded members that open season for changes starts November 10. She recommended members read material carefully for changes and offered that the Chapter's Service Office can help members with questions.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee Sandy Smith, Nominating Committee chairman, conducted the election of officers. A motion was made/seconded and unanimously approved to accept the proposed slate of officers: Nancy Crosby, president; Gary Hagedorn, 1st vice president; Carl Gallion, 2nd vice president; Phil LaMont, treasurer; Mary Binder, secretary.

PROGRAM The meeting's program was a white elephant auction of members' donated items with proceeds going to NARFE Alzheimer's. Bill Darke and Pam Griffin conducted the auction, which netted \$305.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drawings Mary Binder won \$13, 50/50 raffle, and donated it to the Chapter's Alzheimer's fund; Sig Preston won the free lunch.

Executive Board Meeting The meeting was scheduled to follow the Chapter meeting, Red Lion Hotel, but President Nancy cancelled it for the month due to the length of the white elephant auction.

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, December 3, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick.

December Meeting Program Holiday entertainment – still being explored; food drive donations – bring items; installation of officers.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 12:55 p.m.

Mary Alice Binder
Secretary