

NARFE Chapter 1192
November 7, 2012 Chapter Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER President Don Binder called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order just before noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. He welcomed everyone, called for a moment of silence for reflection, led the Pledge of Allegiance, introduced the head table, recognized member Sherri Scheer who was attending her first chapter meeting, and recognized guests Mary Kay Edwards and Dori Clark.

BOARD/CHAPTER MINUTES/TREASURER REPORTS Reminder: minutes and reports are posted on the Chapter's web site and available at meetings.

OFFICER/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Don Binder.

- Provided an overview/update on the November 6 general elections.
- Announced there were copies of a handout on each table that provides information on how to access information for the upcoming 2012 FEHB open season.
- Said mugs with the NARFE logo and Chapter 1192 name are for sale at the meeting for \$12.

1st Vice President/Hospitality Carl Gallion.

- Said he is still in negotiations with the Red Lion regarding the menus for the Chapter's 2013 monthly meetings, but that he expects to have final information at the December meeting.
- Asked anyone with ideas, suggestions or questions to contact him. **[Ph: 539.9179]**

2nd Vice President Lorie Bennett.

- Reported that the LIGO tour was very good, interesting and provided at a level laymen could understand. Lorie said she recommends it as a tour for others if they have the chance.
- Said she was working on other tour and/or chapter activity opportunities, e.g., with the Americans, Dust Devils and at the site where mammoth digs are occurring. She asked for other ideas/suggestions for group activities. **[E-mail: lorieb@clearwire.net].**

Secretary/Sunshine/Newsletter/PR Mary Binder

- Reported condolence cards were sent to the families of Don Segna and Gail McClure.
- Said the Chapter's November/December newsletter had been mailed, sent via e-mail and posted to the Chapter's web site. She reminded members that e-mailing copies vs. mailing saves the Chapter about \$1/per copy.
- Announced February 15 was the deadline for NARFE's 2014 Calendar Photo Contest. Information is in the Chapter's newsletter and the *NARFE* magazine.
- Announced that from February 1 thru April 26 applications can be submitted for the 2013 NARFE Scholarship Awards Program. More details are in the Chapter's newsletter and *NARFE* magazine.
- Announced the 4th edition of *NARFE's Questions & Answers* book is available for \$10. The order coupon is in the *NARFE* magazine. Mail orders only.
- The Chapter's November 7 meeting announcement was in the Sunday, November 4, *Tri-City Herald*.

Treasurer's Report Nancy Crosby.

- Highlighted the October report. Balance on hand as of September 30, \$4,946.92. October receipts were \$586.82 and disbursements, \$616.65, leaving a balance of \$4,917.09. Projected obligations are \$1,066.00, leaving an unobligated funds balance of \$3,815.09.
- Said that more money was being spent for public relations but that hopefully this would be offset by an increase in membership.
- Provided members copies of the draft Chapter's 2013 budget and said the Board would be discussing the budget at its November meeting.
- **Monies collected at the November meeting/since the previous meeting** Luncheon, \$336; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$1,149, which includes donations and money from the white elephant auction; NARFE-PAC, \$0; Newsletter Fund, \$17; and 50/50 Raffle, \$31 collected/\$15.50 awarded.

District V (Tri-Cities, Walla Walla, Yakima) Vice President Nancy Crosby.

- Announced the Federation's training event is now scheduled for May 31-June in Ellensburg. Details will follow. The Chapter will try to offset some costs for members wanting to attend.
- Reported that she'll be visiting the Yakima and Walla Walla chapters to install their officers.

Alzheimer's Chairman Bill Darke.

- Said that at the August national convention NARFE announced \$597K from members Alzheimer's donations would be provided to 3 Alzheimer's research projects, bringing to 56 the number of such projects that had received funds from NARFE Alzheimer's donations. NARFE's new goal is \$11M in total donations by 2014 as it had almost reached its \$10M goal by 2012.
- Reported that currently there was \$102 in the Chapter's Alzheimer's account.

Caller Coordinator Chairman Pam Griffin.

- Reminded members that if they make a lunch reservation and need to cancel, or want to make a reservation at the last minute, to please contact her. [E-mail: pgriff1@earthlink.net; Ph: 492.4304.]
- VP/caller Lorie Bennett said when she called member Juanita Anderson, Juanita asked her to let members know she misses everyone and maybe in the new year she can attend a meeting.

Legislative Co-chairmen Don and Mary Binder. Don:

- Announced that November 15 is NARFE's next National Call Congress Day and NARFE has a script for its members to use when calling.
- Reminded members that the NARFE Advocacy in Action Competition runs through December 31. He asked any member contacting a member of Congress, writing a letter, etc., to please let him know so he can report the information. The NARFE chapter with the most contacts will have registration for 2 members paid for NARFE's 2013 Legislative Training Conference.
- Again announced that March 9-12 are the dates for NARFE's 2013 Legislative Training Conference, Washington, D.C. Don said he and Mary are planning to attend. Other Chapter members are welcome to attend, too!
- Encouraged members who are not signed up for NARFE's GEMS (Global Electronic Messaging System) to do so as it is an effective way to keep up with what NARFE is doing. Also, NARFE's **PROTECT America's Heartbeat** (www.ProtectAmericasheartbeat.com) "PAH" campaign toolkit is a good resource for information. He said information will be updated with NARFE's new legislative agenda.

Membership Chairman Johanna Caylor.

- Reported she'd received the Chapter's semi-annual roster and we have 300 voting members.
- Reminded members that dues withholding is the cheapest way to go – only \$3.67 deducted monthly from a member's annuity.

NARFE-PAC Chapter Chairman Carl Gallion; WSFC Chairman Don Binder.

- Carl said today's phrase is "thank you" ... to all for their support, especially during this last election cycle. He'll be starting again in the new year to collect PAC dollars.
- Don reported that all Washington State candidates who asked for/received NARFE PAC dollars won their elections. He reviewed with members the criteria NARFE uses when making decisions on requests for PAC money.

Service Officer Lorie Bennett. Thanked those who'd helped out at the Service Office during a whirlwind period of activity.

Website Webmaster Larry Williams. Said he has statistical info for discussion at the Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Birthdays/Anniversaries Bill Hoyt and Mary Goldie, birthdays

Drawings Larry Williams, free lunch; Dori Clark, \$15.50, 50/50 raffle

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, November 28, noon, Tri-City Country Club

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, December 5, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick

December Meeting Program Val Wenner provides holiday music

Announcements January 9 NOT January 2 is the Chapter meeting date for January.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Don discussed with members and requested a motion to have a food drive in January vs. December as in January food bank shelves tend to be more empty. There was a motion, second and vote to have the food drive in January.
- Nominating Committee Chairman Frank Griffin said he received no nominations for Chapter officer positions. President Don announced that he had agreed to run again for president as had Nancy Crosby for treasurer and Mary Binder for secretary. 2nd VP Lorie Bennett has agreed to run for the 1st VP position as Carl Gallion is stepping down. And, Larry Williams has agreed to run for 2nd VP. Don asked 3 times for each position for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations; therefore, by acclamation, the officers were elected. Installation will be at the Chapter's December meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:48 p.m. President Don said, "Let's have some fun [at the auction]!"

PROGRAM Chapter Alzheimer's Chairman Bill Darke and Caller Coordinator Pam Griffin conducted the Chapter's annual white elephant auction for NARFE's Alzheimer's Research Fund. Members donated a wide variety of items for the auction and members came through with bids! Total collected for Alzheimer's between the auction and other donations -- \$1,149! Bill and Pam thanked everyone for their support.

Mary Alice Binder
Secretary