

## **NARFE CHAPTER 1192 October 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Crosby at 12 Noon and asked for a moment of silence and moment of silence: 16 members in attendance, 9 visitors and guest speaker for a total of 26 (we had guaranteed 30 and had to pay \$360 for lunches, collected \$264 plus sold some boxed lunches for \$47). \$10 was collected for Alzheimer's Research Fund.

Welcome – head table introductions – Nancy Crosby, Gary Hagedorn, Carl Gallion, Mable Rutt, and Sandy Cagle

Pledge of Allegiance led by Gary Hagedorn

Welcomed members from Walla Walla and Yakima chapters and Carl introduced them by name

Yakima: Bob and Bea Mason, Vic Rohret, Julia Fryar, Lorne Teske; Walla Walla:

Teri Sanner, Nancy Hankins, Nancy McCarn,

Minutes overview (previous month) –Nancy Crosby for Mary Binder, Secretary, approved as read

**President** – Nancy Crosby

- Encouraged all members to sign up for NARFE Global Email Messaging System (GEMS) on line or let Johanna know and she will submit your information.
- Asked for members to step up to be officers and help on committees
- Shared FEHBP Insurance Rates Chart ( See Oct NARFE Magazine Pages 36-42 for Open Season Information)
- Reminded members that the Dues Referendum will be voted on next month, the Dues Referendum Ballots have been sent to the Secretary – due back by Dec 8, and our chapter will have 8 votes.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Gary Hagedorn (see PR report)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and District VP:** Carl Gallion has visited all the chapters in his district and encouraged them to be sure and do the research on the dues withholding referendum

**Treasurer's report:** Acting Treasurer Nancy Crosby reported balance on hand as of September 30, 2009 was \$7,385.70. September receipts were \$685.78 and disbursements, \$669.56, leaving a balance of \$7,401.92. "Dedicated" funds are projected at \$4,407.60 leaving an "undedicated" funds balance of \$2,994.32.

Joanne Shadel will still do the audit; she had to go out of town for several weeks but is now back

**Alzheimer's:** Bill Darke reminded all of the Alzheimer's Research Fundraiser auction next month. We hope to have a member Bobby Long as the auctioneer. Our Alzheimer Research Fund account has \$191 as of last month.

**Hospitality:** Carl Gallion will be meeting with the catering management of the Red Lion to work on a contract for next year. He hopes to be able to stay close to the present cost.

**Legislative:** Nancy reminded all to contact their legislators and to sign up to get the GEMS messages

**Membership:** Johanna Caylor announced the Health Fair will be held Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, Sig and Carl will assist. She will have a lot of information to share with prospective members as to the benefits of NARFE membership and the efforts with legislation. We have 5 new active members and 2 reinstatements. She has mailed out 25 postcards as reminders to members that are delinquent. There will be a Health Fair in Prosser on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. She reminded members that the life member's dues will be increasing so sign up now.

**Newsletter:** Johanna Caylor and Nancy announced that articles for newsletter must be to Mary by October 9 but no later than the 13th. It is critical that we get out the newsletter prior to the November meeting.

**NARFE-PAC:** Nancy Crosby has NARFE Pack pins available to purchase for \$20

**Public Relations:** Gary Hagedorn was contacted by the business editor of the TriCity Herald about a change in the submission to the newspaper announcing our meetings. We will no longer submit the program name or the speaker but can announce the meeting time and place and a contact number as before. He announced that the chapter has joined the TriCities Visitor and Convention Bureau at a cost of \$185 for the year. Information about our chapter will be in the new magazine that will be sent to interested visitors. Nancy read the new newsletter listing our chapter as a new member and the information regarding NARFE.

**Service Officers:** Mary Goldie thanked all the callers, she said Nancy Schreckhise in-laws are doing better but does not know when Nancy will return.

**Sunshine:** Johanna mentioned the passing of Virginia M. Vaupel, Nancy asked for any birthdays in October and wished them a happy birthday, and there were no anniversaries.

**Nominating Committee:** Nancy announced that Larry Williams had to resign from the committee. Nancy will contact Sandy Smith and offer her help.

**Drawings:** Free lunch was won by Mary Goldie and the 50-50- raffle was won by visitor Vic Rohret.

**Announcements:** Nancy invited all to stay for the Executive Board meeting following the general meeting

**Our next meeting:** November 4, 2009, Alzheimer's Auction Research Fund Raiser, election of officers and the vote on the dues referendum.

**Program:** Nancy introduced Sandy Cagle, President, Washington State Federation of Chapters. Sandy shared her reasons for wanting to be the WSFC president. It was an opportunity to bring in some new ideas and to encourage the membership to get more involved. Sandy encouraged members to serve on WSFC committees and has sent the forms to Nancy, the submission date has been changed to December 1 and they are to be sent to her. The Convention Committees are Ballots and Tellers, Rules, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The special committees are: Bylaws, Resolutions and Audit. She wants those special committees to operate year round.

She attended the Presidents meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the site of the next National convention. The chapters are encouraged to do more to add new members. Some used a Lunch and Learn concept at the workplaces to educate active federal employees on the benefits of NARFE. All chapters are encouraged to utilize electronic media and social media to reach out to members and prospective members. Most presidents are in favor of the dues referendum and she feels that a standard dues structure may increase membership. There will be some discussion at the state convention regarding the present amount of per capita tax that is paid by each chapter but that will take a bylaws change. Sandy encouraged all members to get on the GEMS mailing list to keep up to date on what NARFE is doing to help preserve our earned benefits.

Nancy presented a thank you gift from the chapter and thanked her for making the trip to the TriCities.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20