

## NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Virtual

### Zoom – President Nancy Crosby

- The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by Nancy.
- In attendance were Board members Nancy Crosby, Mary Binder, Liz Bowers, Johanna Caylor, Larry Williams, and Debbie Carlson. There were no guests.
- Request to silence electronic devices and reminder to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

### Officer and Committee Reports

#### President Nancy Crosby:

- Sale of the Clover Island Inn (CII) finds the Chapter looking for a new venue this fall. The current contractual agreement is through December 2024; however, it could be that November's meeting will be the last one at the CII.
- Group activities include two Dust Devils baseball games on June 22 and September 7 and a tentative tour of the McBones Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site.
  - There are concerns the Chapter will not meet the 25-quest requirement for the June 22 game; however, we do have May and the June Chapter luncheons/meetings to recruit attendees.
- The Chapter's June 5 meeting will include a presentation by Gary Kleinknecht, McBones Education Director, to "dig up" interest among our members and get a tour set up.

#### Vice President Mary Binder - No report.

#### Hospitality Coordinator - Nancy Crosby

There were 30 reservations made for the April 3 Chapter luncheon/meeting.

#### Service Officer - Nancy Crosby (Acting)

- NARFE Federal Benefits Institute offered a webinar "Postal Service Health Benefits Program: What You Need to Know" on Thursday, April 4, at 11:00 a.m. PDT (one hour webinar plus one hour Q&A).
- Webinar's are available for viewing in the archives within two weeks after an event. There is a limit on archival storage on the national web site.

#### Treasurer - Liz Bowers

- Discussion about what budget numbers to appear in the notes of the Chapter's luncheon/meeting. It was decided that the amount of "last" month's bank balance and monies spent "this" month.
- Liability insurance will be paid (\$100).
- Cline computers has yet to be heard from. If Liz does not hear from them soon, she will call them.
- Getting low on stamps.

#### Secretary - Debbie Carlson

- Draft notes from the April 3 Chapter luncheon/meeting has gone out to Nancy and Mary for initial review.
- The next Board meeting will be held on June 11, 2024, at 1:30, via Zoom.

#### WSF - Mary Binder (Eastern District Vice President)

- Mary provided a brief update on the Spokane and Colville Chapters.  
Advisory Committee meeting will be held, via Zoom, on April 23 at 10:00 a.m. (all NARFE members are invited to attend).

- Ask members to vote to pass the WSF draft revised bylaws (no comments received from any members). Chapter bylaws will follow the same format as the Federation template – Chapter 1192 updates are on hold until settled). Federation bylaws received NARFE approval.
- Region IX Symposium will take place October 24 – 26 at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick, WA. This effort continues to be a work in progress.
  - October 24 is an afternoon session only and will include the annual Federation meeting and a social
  - October 25 is a full day session (NARFE updates, training modules, health fair, evening dinner/entertainment)
  - October 26 is a morning session
  - Federation and Chapter to assist with costs for members attending
  - A full-page ad can be viewed in May's NARFE magazine
- Mary provided an update on the WSF elections.
- FEDcon was mentioned "in passing".

Newsletter/Public Relations/Outreach: Mary Binder

- Input for the May – June newsletter is due on April 15.
- The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon is on April 24 at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick, WA. The presentation on program is the "State of the Counties." Doors open ~~will start~~ at 11:30 a.m. Lunch/program begin at noon. The cost of lunch is \$34.00 for members – registration is requested (contact Mary or Nancy if you need help to register).
- Attendees were reminded of the following events:
  - Tuesday, April 16 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. is the Senior Times Expo being held at the Southridge Sports Complex in Kennewick. Volunteers and logistics are set for staffing ~~are needed to help staff~~ our Chapter's table. This free event is open to the public. New things added.
  - The Veterans Service Fair will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Three Rivers Convention Center. The event, hosted by Congressman Dan Newhouse, is free and open to the public. Volunteers and logistics are set for staffing ~~are needed to help staff~~ the Chapter's table. Packets will be made available to hand out.
  - May 5 – 11 is the annual public service recognition week; Mary to draft a letter for Nancy's signature to the Tri-City Herald editor.
  - June 3 – 5 is the annual Washington Rural Letter Carriers Association's ~~a meeting~~ postal convention. This year it is in Spokane. Mary said she is (hoping to get support from the Spokane NARFE chapter.)

**Legislative - Mary Binder**

- Federal legislation:
 

The April NARFE Voices Grassroots newsletter contains information on the quarterly regional advocacy meeting and what NARFE is helping us do to share information.
- State legislation:
  - March 8-9 was Washington Policy Center's Evening in the Desert (brief recap)
  - Rep. Chris Corry, the new Washington Policy Center Eastern Washington Director
  - Mountain States Policy Center annual dinner/event, April 12 – 13; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (special invite; brief update). New Washington State Policy Center for (some of) eastern Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. Former White House press secretary (under former President Donald Trump), Kayleigh McEnany is the guest speaker. Organization is of value to our Chapter in that legislation could affect us.
  - No quarterly PAC reports yet (some duties have been spread out among the advocacy group)

### **Alzheimer's Coordinator - Larry Williams**

- Larry stated he will continue to manage the Alzheimer's program until the end of this year.
- Chapter has been registered for the Walk, October 19. Walk ~~(in October)~~.

### **Webmaster - Larry Williams**

Nancy was notified that our Chapter's NARFE-hosted microsite will be in the next batch to startup. She has been attending training tutorials in preparation for the startup; however, no date has yet been set. Larry will continue to keep our Chapter's local website updated.

### **Membership Coordinator - Johanna Caylor**

Three members of our Chapter have "disappeared" from the roster. Johanna will follow up on these folks. There has been new e-mail addresses for some folks (these will be provided to Nancy). An updated NARFE membership application packet is being printed. The "bill me" option will not be included in the update as NARFE has had trouble billing new members.

### **Sunshine Coordinator - Faye Vlieger**

Faye was unable to attend today's meeting.

### **Caller Coordinator - Darleen Wall**

Darleen was unable to attend today's meeting.

### **Old Business: None**

### **New Business: None**

### **Announcements:**

- Nancy announced the member John Cavanagh's memorial service would be at Maryhill Winery, April 28. She is planning to attend.
- Mary reported that she advised a new Chapter member that he may be eligible for some Social Security (SS) benefits, even though he is a CSRS retiree, as he has enough qualifying quarters. The member recently told her he followed up and does qualify. He is now getting \$1,000/month in SS benefits.

### **PROJECTED MEETING PROGRAMS**

- 05/01/24 Alzheimer's Research update, Alexis Bonoff, community outreach manager,  
- Washington State Chapter, Alzheimer's Association (*Confirmed - POC: Mary*)
- 06/05/24 Mammoth Dig Presentation (confirmed – POC: Nancy)
- 09/04/24
- 10/02/24
- 11/06/24 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research  
- Remind members to bring items for the auction.
- 12/04/24 Holiday Music

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2024

Make a Wish Foundation

Requests for end of life for adults (nonprofit, excellent presentation) - Layna Kinsman

Nutritionist

Meals on Wheels

Social Events

Gallery at the Park Allied Arts

Visit the TC Annual Quilt Show

Planetarium (CBC)

Bowling

Book club just for members

Hockey games

River Cruise Lunch or Dinner (Nancy has a brochure)

Ice Harbor Dam Tour

Wine tasting - local or Walla Walla

Field trips to special places, i.e., gardens, museums, etc.

Horse Ranch on Red Mountain – covered wagon holds 10 people- goes through vineyards.

Meet at a winery.

Picnic in the park.

Nancy asked Board attendees to review the above projected programs and if there were ideas for missing programs to please let her know.