

NARFE Chapter 1192
April 3, 2013 Chapter Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER With a strike of the gavel and a “Howdy,” President Don Binder called the Chapter’s monthly meeting to order at noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. He welcomed everyone – 27 members, and 2 guests, antique appraisers Terry and Kathy Maurer. Don called for a moment of silence, led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced the head table. He also recognized the chapter’s newest member, Debbie Lopez, and 2 members attending their first meeting – Pat Slape and Nancy Glaesemann.

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

OFFICER/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Don Binder. The Board had discussed ways to shorten the monthly meetings. Officers and chairman would only be announcing/providing information on significant items. Copies of minutes, reports and other material would be available at the meeting. Look for a smaller head table at future meetings, etc.

1st Vice President/Service Officer/Special Programs Coordinator Lorie Bennett. Provided sign-up sheets and updates on activities she is working on for the chapter:

- April 24 – Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler Snake River Locks tour
- May 26 – bus trip to a Mariners baseball game (POC: Pasco/Kennewick Senior Centers)
- May 11 – MCBONES Research Center Foundation visit to the Coyote Canyon Mammoth dig
- June 15 – Dust Devils baseball game
- August 11 – bus trip to a Mariners baseball game. (POC: Pasco/Kennewick Senior Centers)
- October (date TBD) – CREHST Tombstone Tales night trip – the old Richland cemetery

2nd Vice President/Webmaster Larry Williams. Announced a change to the June meeting program. Bruce Bjornstad will give a presentation on the Ice Age Floods in the Pacific Northwest.

Secretary/Sunshine/Newsletter/PR Mary Binder.

- Reminded members that applications will be accepted thru April 26 for the 2013 NARFE Scholarship Awards Program. More details are in the Chapter’s newsletter and *narfe* magazine. NARFE will award 60, \$1,000 scholarships.
- For “sunshine,” Mary reminded members to let her know about members/families who may need a card – get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc.
- A reminder – the 2013 Senior Life Show, Three Rivers Convention Center, is Thursday, June 6. It is free and open to the public. The chapter is again planning to be represented.

Treasurer’s Report Nancy Crosby.

- Copies of the March report were available at the meeting and are on the web site. Balance on hand as of February 28, \$4,933.95. March receipts were \$517.26 and disbursements, \$1,189.00, leaving a balance of \$4,262.21. Projected obligations are \$1,688.00, leaving an unobligated balance of \$2,574.21.
- **Monies collected at the March meeting/since the previous meeting** Luncheon, \$322; Alzheimer’s Research Fund, \$34; NARFE-PAC, \$100; Newsletter Fund, \$166.00; 50/50 Raffle, \$32 collected/\$16 awarded (and donated to Alzheimer’s Research Fund); NARFE Mug, \$12.

District V (Tri-Cities, Walla Walla, Yakima) Vice President Nancy Crosby. Reminded members about the WSFC-hosted Region IX Leadership Training workshop scheduled for noon, Friday, May 31 to noon, Saturday, June 1, in Ellensburg. Reservation form is due May 10. **[Note:** Attending will require one overnight. The Chapter has budgeted to cover the \$30 registration cost, which includes a buffet dinner Friday evening. Registration forms are on the Federation web site, www.narfewa.net. This event is in lieu of the Federation’s previous annual conventions, and for NARFE leaders AND all members wanting to learn/know more about NARFE – everything from its mission to how it functions/operates.]

Alzheimer's Chairman Bill Darke.

- Reported there was \$62 in the chapter's Alzheimer's account and, to date for the current reporting period, the chapter had contributed \$1285 to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund.
- Announced there would be a seminar on memory loss at the Central United Protestant Church, Richland, April 11, 1 to 2 p.m., put on by the Kadlec Healthy Ages program. To register, call 544-3705.

Caller Coordinator Chairman Pam Griffin. Reminded members about making reservations – call her to cancel or even for a late reservations. Just call her so she can work with the hotel catering.

Legislative Co-chairmen Don and Mary Binder. Mary provided a recap of NARFE's Legislative Training Conference in D.C., March 9-12. Of note:

- All presentations from the conference are now on NARFE's web site.
- The Washington Federation had 11 members attend the conference.
- About 250 NARFE members attended the conference with about half for the first time.
- An overarching theme was – we are in very challenging times, even more so than 2 years ago.
- Two presenters highlighted the evolving polarization between the 2 major political parties since the 1980s, which has made/is making communications and compromise more difficult.
- At least 1 Washington Federation member visited Washington's 12 congressional offices on Capitol Hill – either meeting with the elected member and/or staff members.
- Mary and Don also spent time at NARFE headquarters, meeting with several staff members, including legislative, membership and communications.

Membership Chairman Johanna Caylor. Johanna attended the retirement event for member Hugh Harris. She presented him with a NARFE tote bag from the 2012 Reno convention and a card from Chapter 1192. Hugh has relocated to Las Vegas.

NARFE-PAC Chapter Chairman Frank Griffin; WSFC Chairman Don Binder. For Frank, Pam Griffin said Frank had collected \$120 at the March meeting; and, she had collected \$100 at today's meeting and given out 2 silver pins. She reminded members Frank had the PAC hats and pins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Birthdays/Anniversaries Birthdays: Don Binder; Leon Bennett; Pat Turner

Anniversaries: Don/Mary Binder; Johanna/Jim Caylor; Gene/Nancy Schreckhise

Drawings John Patten, free lunch; Nancy Crosby, \$16.00, 50/50 raffle (donated to Alzheimer's)

Next Executive Board Meeting Thursday, April 25, 10:30 a.m., Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, May 1, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick

May Meeting Program (Tentative) State Rep. Larry Haler – update on state legislative issues

Announcements None

NEW BUSINESS No new business

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:23 p.m.

Meeting Program President Don welcomed back for what is believed to be the 10th year, Terry and Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers! Terry said they have been involved with Chapter 1192 longer than any other group. The Maurers had new business cards with their "Maurer's 5 Top Tips On Antiques" on the back. They reminded members that information can be lost in a generation if it isn't written down. The most common phrases they hear: Our kids don't care about any of this; and, this belonged to my grandmother so it has to be old. Members brought a wide variety of items for the Maurers to look at and provide feedback on. Terry may use some of them in his future *Tri-City Herald* column.

Mary Alice Binder
Secretary