

NARFE 242 Board Minutes
August 20, 2021 @ 11:00 am
Sommers Dutch Family Restaurant
Sarasota, FL.

BOARD Members Present:

Bill VanderHeyden, President
Alex Morris, Vice President
Dick Fredlund, Treasurer
Bill Leatham, Web Master
Clara Schaefer, Chair of Alzheimer's Walk

Excused: Rosanne Roble, Newsletter Editor
Roger Barr, Secretary
Joan Graham, Service Director

CHAPTER Member Present

Tammy Flanagan

MINUTES of the April 15, 2021 virtual Chapter and Board Meeting were reviewed and accepted.

TREASURER's Report was reviewed and accepted.

All Chapter business was set aside to discuss when the Chapter might be willing to begin in-person meetings again. It was decided to ask them via a survey in the Newsletter. Tammy F volunteered to put together a brief survey and work with Rosanne to get it out to members. A possibility of sending postcards to members without e-mail addresses was considered, using the Chapter post office box as the return address.

Any in-person Chapter meeting would follow all CDCP guidelines for such gatherings: hand sanitizer would be available, social distancing would be observed as much as possible, and it is expected that anyone wishing to attend in person has been vaccinated, similar to what is happening in the federal work force.

If no responses are received, or too few, we will know that our members do not yet feel safe to meet in person. October 21 may be too soon for in-person Chapter. So we are looking at November 18 as next possible in-person Chapter.

It was suggested to make the first (and only the first) in-person Chapter meeting a Welcome Back FREE LUNCHEON for those attending that meeting.

Some of those present today will also make some calls to try and find a new venue with social distancing for the Chapter meetings.

Another idea was to run a newspaper ad in the Observer/Sarasota (Lakewood Ranch, if in our catchment area) to recruit new members.

The Alzheimer's Walk is scheduled for November 20th at the Ed Smith Stadium.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 17, at Sommers Dutch Family Restaurant at 11:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

