

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2017 MEETING**

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Chapter Vice-President Donald Hood opened the meeting at 1:00 PM with the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our deceased members. Officers present were Vice-President Donald Hood, Secretary Richard Bianco and Treasurer Milena Lepore. President David MacDonald was excused. A quorum was present with 24 members attending.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS: There were no new members attended.

SECRETARIES' REPORT: The Secretary's report for the October 3, 2017 meeting was accepted.

TREASURERS' REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period October 3, 2017 through November 7, 2017 was accepted. We have a total of \$3,458.41 in our General Fund. In the Charitable Donations Fund have a total of \$0.00 available for donations.

MEMBERSHIP: As of November 7, 2017, we have 158 members. In October 2017, we had 180 members and in September, we had 185 members. Chapter 13 has 159.

The Secretary will send postcards to all the Chapter 13 Members and invite them to our meetings and to the Holiday Lunch. The Secretary will also provide the Membership Chair with the contact information for the Chapter 13 members.

SUNSHINE: If you know of a member in distress please get in touch Mary Pedro.

HOSPITALITY: Vice-President Donald Hood thanked everyone involved in bringing in the refreshments.

CALLING: Vice-President Donald Hood thanked Mary Pedro, Amy Medeiros and Lee Viveiros for notifying members of the meeting.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

The Treasurer sent a donation of \$176.00 to the American Red Cross. The Chapter received a letter thanking us for the donation from the Red Cross.

The Treasurer sent a donation of \$175.00 to Lucy's Hearth and Woman's Shelter.

This \$351.00 came from the Charitable Donations Fund, which now has a balance of \$0.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The Chapter Service Officer and a PAC Coordinator positions are open.
- The Federation is also looking for someone to coordinate the Alzheimer's program.

Anyone wishing to fill one of these positions should contact President MacDonald or Secretary Bianco.

OLD BUSINESS / CONTINUING EFFORTS:

- We were unable to staff the table at Congressman David Cicilline's Senior Resource Fair in Woonsocket on October 19. We are planning to participate in this event next year, if anyone is interested please contact Dave MacDonald or Richard Bianco.
- The Secretary working on an update to the RI Federation Bylaws to add amendments to cover the one man one vote change and to add a requirement to audit the Financial accounts annually. This will put us in agreement with the new National Bylaws adopted at the 2016 National Convention.
- We did not participate in the Health Fair at NUWC in Newport because NUWC did not feel that we met the criteria of a Health Organization.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Chapter 869 Holiday Luncheon is at Noon, at the Mainstay. Cost to members is \$10.00. Sit down lunch is a choice of Steak or Salmon. Members are encouraged to bring a gift for the raffle. Raffle proceeds will replenish our Charitable Donations Fund.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 5, 2017—Chapter 869 Holiday Luncheon, at Noon, at the Mainstay
- November 7, 2017—Chapter 0869 Regular Monthly Meeting, November 28, 2017—Health Fair at NUWC Newport from 10 AM to 1 PM
- May 2018 – RI Federation Convention hosted by South County Chapter 998, Cowesett Inn, West Warwick, RI
- 2018 -- NARFE National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida
- 2020 -- NARFE National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona

PROGRAM: Our guest speaker is Topher Hamblett who is the Director of Advocacy and Policy for Save the Bay. He gave us a brief history of Save the Bay, cited their accomplishments and outlined its continuing mission. Save the Bay is always looking for volunteers to help clean up beaches and work to save the estuaries around Narragansett Bay.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Bianco, Chapter 0869 Secretary