

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2018 MEETING**

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President David MacDonald 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 President David MacDonald, Secretary Richard Bianco and Treasurer Milena Lepore. Chapter Vice-President Donald Hood was excused. A quorum was present with 16 members attending.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS: one new member attended the meeting, Ray Chaney, who retired from NUWC in Newport

SECRETARIES' REPORT: The Secretary's report for the November 7, 2017 meeting was accepted.

TREASURERS' REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period November 7, 2017 through January 9, 2018 was accepted. We have a balance of \$2988.07 in our General Fund and in the Charitable Donations Fund have a balance of \$210.00, for a total balance in our Checking account of \$3198.07.

MEMBERSHIP: As of January 17, 2018 we have 153 members, in November 2017, we had 158 members and in October 2017, we had 180 members. Chapter 13 has 139.

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

SUNSHINE: Roger Wallen is at the Royal Middletown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center recovering from knee replacement surgery. If you know of a member in distress please get in touch Mary Pedro.

HOSPITALITY: President MacDonald thanked everyone involved in bringing in the refreshments.

CALLING: President MacDonald thanked Mary Pedro, Amy Medeiros and Lee Viveiros for notifying members of the meeting.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:

- The Chapter 869 Holiday Luncheon was at the Mainstay. The Raffle collected \$210.00 to replenish the charitable contributions fund.
- The Chapter received a letter from Lucy's Heart and Woman's Shelter thanking us for our donation of \$175.00.

- The Boys and Girls Clubs of Newport County thanked us for our donation of \$176.00.

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:

- The Secretary is 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.
- Dave Ferkinhoff is working on procedures to utilize e-mail and websites to conduct the Federation voting for the RI non-chapter members.

NEW BUSINESS

- President MacDonald addressed the meeting and covered the latest NARFE Legislative initiatives and the current NARFE Administrative changes made at the National level. Dave also addressed the latest webinars available on the internet.
- President MacDonald read the RI Federation Executive Board Meeting minutes and discussed the major topics:
 - Chairman of the RI Federation's Nomination Committee is Secretary Richard Bianco who is and is putting together the slate of Officers for the upcoming Convention. Anyone wishing to run for Federation Office is asked to contact the Chairman or President MacDonald prior to March 18, 2018. It was also noted that this year President MacDonald is prohibited from running due to his being President for two consecutive two year terms.
 - The Convention will take place on May 18, 2018 at the Cowesett Inn in West Warwick. The Cost is \$15.00 per member with the Federation paying the difference.
 - Chapter 998 is the host of this year's Convention and President Scuncio is the Chairman of the Convention Committee. If anyone would like to participate in the planning for the Committee they are encouraged to contact President Scuncio or President MacDonald.
 - President MacDonald has reached out to NARFE Headquarters for a guest speaker from the Legislative department.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 6, 2018 – Chapter 0869 Regular Monthly Meeting

- March 18, 2018 – Nominations for RI Federation Officers due to Nomination Committee
- May 18, 2018 – RI Federation Convention hosted by South County Chapter 998, at the Cowesett Inn, 226 Cowesett Avenue, West Warwick, RI
- 2018 – NARFE National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida
- 2020 – NARFE National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona

PROGRAM: We had no speaker for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Bianco, Chapter 0869 Secretary