

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2018 MEETING:

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 22 members attending.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS: No new members were present, however it was pointed out that a new member Lisa Wardlow was at our last meeting in January.

SECRETARIES' REPORT: The Secretary's report for the January 9, 2018 meeting was accepted.

TREASURERS' REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period January 9, 2018 through February 6, 2018 was accepted. We have a balance of \$3,164.67 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 \$3,374.67

MEMBERSHIP: As of February 12, 2018, we have 150 members in January we had 153 members.

- The Secretary provided, Mary Pedro, the Membership Chair, with the contact information for the Chapter 13 members.

SUNSHINE: Roger Wallen is recovering from knee surgery and is hoping to go home from the Nursing Home to finish recovering prior to further surgeries.

- 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 Charitable Donations Committee Chair, Mary Pedro, is planning to make a recommendation at the September meeting on where to donate the money. This will allow us to add the proceeds from the June Luncheon's Raffle to the fund.

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. In addition, the name of the Federation needs to be updated to drop the "of Chapters" reference.

- Dave Ferkinhoff is working on procedures to utilize e-mail and websites to conduct the Federation nominations and 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 discussed:

- o The negative effect that the Chained CPI proposal would have to the current cost of living adjustments

- o NARFE's efforts to in securing back pay for Federal workers caught in the 3-day government shutdown.
- o The National Convention web site has been established and will allow for on-line voting. The Voting on Bylaws changes and motions will be in the June NARFE magazine and is expected to be complete by June 30th to support the Convention.
 - President MacDonald has sent a letter to NARFE National Headquarters finalizing the chapter closures.
- o Both the National President and the Regional Vice-President, Jim Crawford, have been notified.
- o President MacDonald will notify the Treasurers of the closed chapters to close their accounts and forward any funds to the remaining chapters.
 - The RI Federation 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.
- o 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, please contact President Scuncio or President MacDonald.
- o Chairman of the Nomination Committee is Secretary Richard Bianco who is seeking nominations for Federation Officers and is putting together the slate of Officers by March 18, 2018. Anyone wishing to run for Federation Office please call Chairman Bianco or President MacDonald.
- o President MacDonald has reached out to NARFE Headquarters for a guest speaker from the Legislative department.
- o President MacDonald has lined up two sponsors for the Convention and is expecting \$500.00 in contributions from the sponsors.

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
- August 26-28, 2018 – NARFE National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida
- 2020 – NARFE National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona

PROGRAM: The guest speaker was Dave Ferkinhoff, RI Federation Treasurer and Chapter 869 member, who along with his wife Marilyn went on a trip to Africa. Dave used slides and souvenirs to describe their journeys.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Bianco, Chapter 0869 Secretary

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