

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
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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 and Treasurer Milena Lepore. Events Coordinator Carole Regan recorded minutes for Secretary Richard Bianco. A quorum was present with 15 members attending.

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

SECRETARIES' REPORT: The Secretary's report for September 4, 2018 chapter meeting was read and accepted.

TREASURERS' REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period September 4, 2018 through October 2 was accepted. We have a balance of \$12,432.42 in our General Fund after receiving \$12,400.32 from Chapter 103 that closrf. There was a rebate of \$68.78 and \$25.00 was spent for rent.

MEMBERSHIP: As of October 2, 2018 we have ___ members. The Federation has 465 chapter members plus national members.

There was no report from Secretary Bianco regarding the membership of Ken Mingola. Ken renewed as an 869 chapter member but he found that he is listed erroneously as a Massachusetts member.

SUNSHINE: Margo Sullivan is at home recovering. If you know of a member in distress please get in touch Mary Pedro.

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

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

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: The Chapter received a thank you from the \$25.00 to the Potter Animal Shelter in memory of Madeline Beaucage. The committee chair, Mary Pedro, made a motion to donate the balance of the Contributions to the Martin Luther King Center. The motion was challenged, suggesting it be distributed to several programs: including the Red Cross and Alzheimer's. It was decided to split the contribution to half to Martin Luther King and half to Alzheimer's.

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:

- Dave Ferkinhoff was not in attendance to report on procedures to utilize e-mail and websites to conduct the Federation nominations and voting for the RI non-chapter members.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussions focused on:

- The Chapter Holiday luncheon is planned for December 4, 2018. No new information was provided concerning, but it shall be addressed asap. Suggestions included Cambria and Portofino at the Ramada (where a new chef was hired).
- The chapter members were also encouraged to watch the webinars hosted on the NARFE web site, especially the new one on retirement planning.

PROGRAM:

- Guest speaker Gerry LePage, Information & Referral Specialist at Child & Family Services of Rhode Island spoke at length on the new Medicare/Medicare Advantage programs that will be available soon. He provided handouts listing places where individual help will be provided for NARFE members, and anyone we know who could assistance, as the programs have changed.
- Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November XX, 2018 –RI State Federation Executive Board meeting, Warwick Public Library, 1:00 PM.
- November 13, 2018 – Chapter Meeting at the United Congregational Church in Middletown, RI.
- December 4, 2018 – Chapter 0869 Holiday Luncheon at TBD at Noon
- 2020 – NARFE RI Federation Conference at TBD
- 2020 – NARFE National Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona

Carole Regan, Acting Chapter 0869 Secretary