

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND  
MINUTES FOR January 8, 2019 MEETING**

**MINUTES FOR January 8, 2019 MEETING**

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 21 members attending.

**WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS** There was a no new members present.

**SECRETARIES' REPORT** The Secretary's report for the November 13, 2018 Chapter meeting was accepted.

The Secretary received two letters one from the Martin Luther King Community Center and the other from the Boys and Girls Clubs thanking us our past donations and seeking new donations.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** The Treasurer's report for the period November 13, 2018 through January 8, 2019 was accepted. We have a balance of \$11,811.51 in our General Fund and in the Charitable Donations Fund have a balance of \$187.00. This gives us a total balance in our Checking account of \$11,998.51.

**MEMBERSHIP:** As of January 12, 2019, we have 251 members in November we had 257 members.

**SUNSHINE:** 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 contribution fund has a balance of has \$187.00 following the proceeds of the December luncheon raffle of \$157.00.

**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:**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussions focused on:

- The next Legislative conference is March 10-13, 2019 in Washington D.C. This is an opportunity for us to become more involved with the NARFE legislative initiatives and to establish stronger links with our legislators. If anyone is interested in attending this conference, please contact President MacDonald or Secretary Bianco.
- The Secretary provided hard copies of the new proposed Chapter Bylaws and explained the need for the revision. The new Chapter bylaws are based on the approved New Hampshire Lakes Region-Mt. Washington Chapter's approved bylaws with changes to make them applicable to our chapter.
  - The plan is for the Chapter to review the proposed bylaws which are available on the Chapter website, <https://www.narfe.org/site/chapter869/>.
  - Any changes resulting from the review will be incorporated, and the bylaws will be voted on at the February meeting.
  - The approved Chapter bylaws will be forwarded to National for acceptance and we will operate under the new bylaws by April.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- February 5, 2019 – Chapter meeting at the United Congregational Church in Middletown, at 1:00 PM
- March 10-13, 2019 – Legislative conference in Washington DC
- May 6, 2019 – RI State Federation Executive Board meeting, Warwick Public Library, 1:00 PM.
- 2020 – NARFE RI Federation Conference at TBD
- 2020 – NARFE National Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona

### **PROGRAM:**

We had no guest speaker at this meeting.

Richard Bianco, Chapter 0869 Secretary