

**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, Secretary Richard Bianco and Treasurer Milena Lepore. President David MacDonald arrived later. A quorum was present with 23 members attending.

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

SECRETARIES' REPORT The chapter accepted the secretary's report for the January 8, 2019 chapter meeting, with the corrections required to indicate that Vice president Hood thanked the Hospitality and Calling committees.

TREASURERS' REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period January 8, 2019 through February 5, 2019 was accepted. We have a balance of \$11,767.53 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 \$11,954.53.

MEMBERSHIP: As of February 4, 2019 we had a membership of 250 on January 12, 2019, we had 251 members and in November, we had 257 members.

SUNSHINE: Mary Pedro identified that Roger Wallen is moving to RI Hospital and has a new doctor, to accomplish his ongoing knee replacement surgery. Mary also mentioned that a long time RI Federation treasurer Joan French has passed away. 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 charitable contribution fund has a balance of has \$187.00.

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

- Carol Regan has stepped down from the Presentation Coordination position. If anyone would like to assume this position please contact President MacDonald or Secretary Bianco. Until a replacement is named, please contact Secretary Bianco if you know of someone who would like to speak at our meetings.
- A motion was made and accepted to accept the updated bylaws as shown on our web site and discussed at previous meetings:
 - The approved Chapter bylaws will be signed by the Chapter Secretary and dated February 5, 2019
 - The secretary will forward the signed Chapter bylaws to the National Secretary for acceptance and we should be operating under the new bylaws by April.
- The May luncheon will be on May 7, 2019. The President MacDonald asked the Hospitality committee to look into the availability and cost of having it at the Wyndham Newport Hotel (formally the Cambria Hotel at the Atlantic Resort).
- The next speaker will be Todd McLeish. Todd McLeish's fourth book about rare wildlife examines the plight of the most adorable of marine mammals, the sea otter. A motion passed to offer McLeish \$50.00 to speak at our meeting.
- 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 next Regional vice president's luncheon is May 1, 2019 in Devins MA. At this luncheon, the Regional vice president James C Risner will discuss his plans for the Region1 Chapters and seek input from the chapters. If anyone is interested in attending this conference and representing Chapter 869, please contact President MacDonald or Secretary Bianco.
- Representative Cicilline will hold a Senior Resources Fair on May 13, 2019 at the Fenner Hall (Vasco Da Gama), 15 Fenner Avenue Newport RI. Carol Regan and Marie Azza have offered to set-up a NARFE informational table at this event. The secretary will send an e-mail to Rita Murphy to reserve a table.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 5, 2019 – Chapter meeting at the United Congregational Church in Middletown, RI.at 1:00 PM

- March 10-13, 2019 – Legislative conference in Washington DC
- May 1, 2019 – Regional Vice president's luncheon in Devins MA
- May 6, 2019 – RI State Federation Executive Board meeting, Warwick Public Library, 1:00 PM.
- May 13, 2019 – Representative Cicilline's Senior Resources Fair at Fenner Hall (Vasco Da Gama), from 5pm to 7pm.
- 2020 – NARFE RI Federation Conference at TBD
- 2020 – NARFE National Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona

PROGRAM:

We had Carol Miller, a Reverse Mortgage Specialist, from Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC talk to us about the how Reverse Mortgages work and how they allow people to stay in their homes as they age.

Richard Bianco,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Bianco".

Chapter 0869 Secretary