

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
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Secretary Richard Bianco 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 Secretary Richard Bianco and Treasurer Milena Lepore. President David MacDonald and Vice president Donald Hood were excused. A quorum was not present, but the meeting was held for informational purposes only. There were 21 members attending.

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

SECRETARIES' REPORT The chapter accepted the secretary's report for the February 5, 2019 chapter meeting, with the correction to indicate that the Luncheon is on June 4 vice May 7.

TREASURERS' REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period February 5, 2019 through, March 5, 2019 was accepted. We have a balance of \$11,824.35 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 \$12,011.35.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership in March is the same as February 2019 we have 250 members. On January 12, 2019, we had 251 members and in November, we had 257 members.

SUNSHINE: Mary Pedro believes that Roger Wallen has been moved to RI Hospital to accomplish his ongoing knee replacement surgery. If you know of a member in distress please get in touch Mary Pedro.

HOSPITALITY: Secretary Bianco thanked everyone involved in bringing in the refreshments.

CALLING: Secretary Bianco 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. The charitable contributions committee will wait until after the June raffle to propose who we will donate our contributions to.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The Chapter Service Officer and a PAC Coordinator positions are open.
- The Chapters Presentation Coordination position is open. Please contact Secretary Bianco if you know of someone who would like to speak at our meetings.

- Carol Regan has stepped down as head of the Hospitality committee, she will continue until the end of the year.
- 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

- The secretary signed and forwarded the Chapter bylaws to the National Secretary for acceptance.
 - National Headquarters has not responded yet.
 - We are operating under the new Chapter approved bylaws in anticipation of their approval by National.
 - Under the new bylaws, April is our Annual meeting and it is where we will elect a new slate of officers. The secretary asked for nominations for the four elected positions. Hearing none, the nominations remained open until the April meeting.
- The June luncheon will be on June 4, 2019. The Secretary Bianco 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) or at the Portofino restraint. The cost will be \$15.00 for members with the Chapter picking up the additional costs. A raffle will be held so bring a gift in the \$10.00 range
- So far, no one has expressed an interest in attending the next Legislative conference in March 10-13, 2019.
- 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 has sent an e-mail to Rita Murphy to reserve a table and she will get back to us with the details.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 2, 2019 – Chapter meeting at the United Congregational Church in Middletown, RI, 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.
- June 4 – June luncheon at TBD, Noon
- 2020 – NARFE RI Federation Conference at TBD
- 2020 – NARFE National Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona

PROGRAM:

Our speaker was Todd McLeish. Todd McLeish talked about his fourth book about the most adorable of marine mammals, the sea otter.

Richard Bianco,

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

Chapter 0869 Secretary