

**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 President David MacDonald, Vice president Donald Hood, Secretary Richard Bianco and Treasurer Milena Lepore. A quorum was present. There were 18 members attending.

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

**SECRETARIES' REPORT** The chapter accepted the secretary's report for the April 2, 2019 chapter meeting.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** The Treasurer's report for the period April 2, 2019 through May 7, 2019, was accepted. We have a balance of \$12,032.79 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 \$12,219.79.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Current numbers 238 as of May 11, 2019, we had 241 on April 9, 2019, in March we had 250 members.

**SUNSHINE:** 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 \$187.00. The charitable contributions committee will wait until after the June raffle to propose to whom we will donate our contributions.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- The Chapter Service Officer and a PAC Coordinator positions are open.
- The Chapter Presentation Coordinator and Hospitality positions are open.
- The Federation is also looking for someone to coordinate the Alzheimer's program.

Please contact President MacDonald or Secretary Bianco if you know anyone wishing to fill one of these positions or of someone who would like to speak at our meetings.

### **OLD BUSINESS / CONTINUING EFFORTS:**

- Chapter 869 updated its bylaws and sent them to National for review and approval. The update was based on the approved Lakes Region's Federation bylaws. National wants them rewritten and provided the new chapter bylaws template, F-21 (02/19) as guidance. The secretary will update the bylaws.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- President MacDonald summarized the discussions that took place at the Regional Vice president's luncheon in Devens MA on May 1, 2019. The new NARFE Branding initiative with the challenges and opportunities NARFE has moving forward were discussed and the need for continuous drum beating to get our message out. The new NARFE logo was unveiled along with the NARFE avatar, a logo that when clicked will direct a webpage to NARFE content.
- The RI State Federation Executive Board met on May 6, 2019 at the Warwick Public Library. Region 1 Vice-President James C. Risner from Maine attended the meeting.
  - The board reviewed the budget for the 2018-2019 year:
  - The budget anticipates a shortfall of \$300.00. President MacDonald is seeking additional money from National to cover travel and costs associated with new membership activities.
  - Vice-President Risner commented that the budget projections did not look good in the out years. It is possible that without any changes we could see a \$2,517.59 shortfall by 2022. One of the cost drivers is the cost of the One Member-One Vote changes made in the last National Conference. The Federation has been looking at implementing voting procedures that would require multiple mailings to the entire Federation membership. Vice-President Risner indicated that National has discussed implementing Federation voting via the web to mitigate the costs.
  - The Board discussed the future of the NARFE in Rhode Island. The Board is watching the progress of the merger of the Federations in NH and VT and using it for a model for possible merging RI and MA Federations.
  - The Federation voted funds to send President MacDonald to the Presidents Conference in Scottsdale AZ.
  - The NARFE PAC provided \$1000.00 to support the campaign of U.S. Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island.
  - The Federation voted to take the Federation/Chapter Liability Insurance for \$100.00. The secretary will provide the e-mail with the link to the purchasing procedures to the treasurer.
  - The president asked the secretary to send the Financial Disclosure Forms to the Chapters to document compliance with Federation financial requirements.
  - IRS forms 990-N for the Federation and Chapter 869 are available and Vice-president Areson took the action to verify that the treasurer of Chapter 998 has submitted the form.
- 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. Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

- The June luncheon will be on June 4, 2019 at Noon. The calling committee will poll the members and find out their choice of entrée, choices include meat, chicken, fish or vegetarian. A head count with meal choice is due by 28 May. The cost will be \$15.00 for members with the Chapter picking up the additional costs. We will hold a raffle, so bring a gift in the \$10.00 range.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- May 13, 2019 – Senior Resources Fair at Fenner Hall (Vasco Da Gama), 15 Fenner Avenue Newport RI, 5 pm – 7 pm
- June 4, 2019 – June luncheon at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, at Noon
- June 13, 2019 – Senior Resources Fair at East Providence Senior Center, 610 Waterman Avenue, 5 pm – 7 pm
- July – August – Summer break no Chapter meetings
- July 7 – July 11, 2019 – NARFE Presidents Meeting, Scottsdale AZ, President MacDonald will attend
- November 4, 2019 – RI State Federation Executive Board meeting, Warwick Public Library, 1:00 PM.
- 2018 – NARFE National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida
- May 18 2020 –RI Federation Conference at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, Middletown RI
- 2020 – NARFE National Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona
- 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 no speaker at this meeting.

Richard Bianco,



Chapter 0869 Secretary

## 2018-2019 Officers and Committees

- **Officers of the Chapter:**

- President David MacDonald
- Vice-president Donald Hood
- Secretary Richard Bianco
- Treasurer Milena Lepore

- **Committees**

- Executive Committee:
  - President David MacDonald
  - Vice-president Donald Hood
  - Secretary Richard Bianco
  - Treasurer Milena Lepore
- Membership Committee Chair: Mary Pedro
- Legislative Committee Chair: Vacant (Contact Dave MacDonald or Richard Bianco)
- Nominating Committee Chair: Richard Bianco
- Sunshine Committee Chair: Mary Pedro
- Hospitality Committee Chair: Vacant (Contact Richard Bianco)
- Calling Committee Chair: Chair: Mary Pedro
- Charitable Contributions Chair: Mary Pedro
- Service Officer: Vacant (Questions directed to the National Service Officer)
- PAC Coordinator: Vacant (Dave MacDonald acting as Point of Contact)
- Website and Net Coordinator: Dave Ferkinhoff