

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
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President David MacDonald 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 15 members attending.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS There was one new member present, Phillip Thow. There was also a returning member Helen Crauly.

SECRETARIES' REPORT The chapter accepted the secretary's report for the September 10, 2019 chapter meeting.

TREASURERS' REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period September 10, 2019 October 1, 2019 through was accepted. We have a balance of \$10,187.71 in our General Fund and in the Charitable Donations Fund have a balance of \$32.00. This gives us a total balance in our checking account of \$10,219.71.

A discussion followed concerning who was able to sign checks against the Chapter account. The only two who can sign are Treasurer Milena Lepore and Mary Pedro.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 233 as of 10/1/21019. I September we had 236 members.

SUNSHINE: If you know of a member in distress please get in touch Mary Pedro.

HOSPITALITY: President David MacDonald thanked everyone involved in bringing in the refreshments.

CALLING: President David 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 \$32.00 after the \$350.00 donation to the St. Joseph's Soup Pantry.

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. Carol Regan is considering taking this position.

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:

- The Secretary updated the Chapter 869 bylaws to the new chapter bylaws template, F-21 (04/19). A copy of this update was sent to Dave Ferkinhoff for review prior to Chapter and National acceptance. The bylaws will be posted on the website for all to review. Highlights of the update include :
 - Newly elected officers begin January 1.
 - Officers serve a 2-year term, only two consecutive terms allowed.

NEW BUSINESS

- President MacDonald updated us on the efforts NARFE is undertaking. He talked about the proposed pay raise of 3.1%, which is being held up. OPM has a new director and the merger of OPM and GSA is still in play. The Windfall Elimination Provision elimination is under consideration by the House. President MacDonald also talked about the upcoming Federal benefit Webinar on Medicare planned for 10/24/2019.
- Ray Cheney discussed the Webinar about the new TSP rules and passed out a handout about the changes and new opportunities.
- A membership event will be held on October 29, 2019 at the Newport Storm Brewery. We will publicize the event in the Newspaper and Ray Cheney will make FUSE and the NAGE office at NUWC aware of it.
- The Chapter will hold its annual Holiday Party, at the Wyndham Newport Hotel at Noon on December 3, 2019. Carol Regan is checking on availability and making arrangements for a plated dinner with choice of entrée. The cost will be \$15.00 for members with the Chapter picking up the rest. We will also hold a raffle.
- President MacDonald reminded the Chapter that there is a ballot in the magazine for voting on NARFE amendments and National bylaw changes.
- The Secretary sought nominations for Chapter elected officers, none heard.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 5, 2019 – NARFE Chapter Meeting, United Congregational Church, 1:00 PM
- December 2, 2019 – RI State Federation Executive Board meeting, Warwick Public Library, 1:00 PM.
- December 3, 2019 – Chapter 869 Holiday Party, Wyndham Newport Hotel at Noon
- May 18 2020 –RI Federation Conference at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, Middletown RI
- 2020 – NARFE National Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona

PROGRAM:

No program was presented at the 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