

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES FOR November 5, 2019 MEETING**

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 17 members attending.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS There were two new members present, Everett Jameson and M. Karen Jameson.

SECRETARIES' REPORT The chapter accepted the secretary's report for the October 1, 2019 chapter meeting.

TREASURERS' REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period October 1, 2019 through November 5, 2019 was accepted. We have a balance of \$9,137.59 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 \$9,187.59.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 233 as of 10/1/2019. In September, we had 236 members.

SUNSHINE: Mary Ann Gamer fell and is recovering at home. 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 \$32.00 after the \$350.00 donation to the St. Joseph's Soup Pantry. The Secretary read a thank you card from 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 updated bylaws are under review by Dave Ferkinhoff for review prior to Chapter and National acceptance. Dave has posted the bylaws 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 reviewed the membership event held on October 29, 2019 at the Newport Storm Brewery. He believes that we should hold a similar event every year in the fall.
- The Chapter will hold its annual Holiday Party, at the Wyndham Newport Hotel at Noon on December 3, 2019. The cost will be \$15.00 for members with the Chapter picking up the rest of the cost. We will also hold a raffle. The calling committee will contact everyone and get a head count by November 19, 2019. Also needed is a choice of entrée, either steak, fish, chicken or vegetarian.
- President MacDonald reminded the Chapter that there are many good webinars on the NARFE website. He cited the upcoming webinar on Consumer driven health plans on November 7, 2019 at 2:00 pm.
- The Secretary sought nominations for Chapter elected officers, the following nominations were heard:
 - Dave Ferkinhoff for Treasurer-confirmed with Dave
 - Ray Cheney for President – confirmed with Ray.
- The RI Federation will meet on December 2, 2019 to discuss:
 - Federation Conference on May 18, 2019
 - Nomination for Federation Officers
 - Merger of the two RI Chapters into one Chapter
 - Auditing of the Chapter and Federation financial records

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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
- January 7, 2020 – NARFE Chapter Meeting, United Congregational Church, 1:00 PM
- May 18 2020 –RI Federation Conference at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, Middletown RI
- 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