

NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
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President Ray Cheney 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 Ray Cheney, Vice president Donald Hood, Secretary Richard Bianco and Treasurer Dave Ferkinhoff. A quorum was present. There were 25 members attending.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS There were no new members present.

SECRETARIES' REPORT The chapter accepted the secretary's report for the January 7, 2020 chapter meeting.

TREASURERS' REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the February meeting was accepted. We have a balance of \$8,971.72 in our General Fund and in the Charitable Donations Fund have a balance of \$147.00. This gives us a total balance in our checking account of \$9,118.72. There was no change from last month.

MEMBERSHIP: As of 2/4/2020 we have 218 in January we had 222. The RI Federation has 757 members of which 401 are Chapter members.

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

HOSPITALITY: President Ray Cheney thanked everyone involved in bringing in the refreshments.

CALLING: President Ray Cheney 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 \$147.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The Chapter Service Officer position is open. The services of the NARFE Headquarters' Service Officer are available via the internet.
- Past President Dave MacDonald is filling PAC Coordinator position.
- Jan Wheeler has volunteered to be the Chapter Presentation Coordinator.
- The Chapter Hospitality position is open.
- Carol Regan has accepted the position as coordinator of the Alzheimer's program.

Please contact President Cheney or Secretary Bianco if you would like to fill one of the open positions or if you know someone who would like to speak at our meetings.

OLD BUSINESS / CONTINUING EFFORTS:

- Secretary Bianco is reworking the bylaws to incorporate the latest guidance from National.

NEW BUSINESS

- Secretary Bianco summarized the RI Federation Executive Board Meeting held on February 3, 2020:

- Federation Conference will be on May 18, 2019 at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Ave Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

- o The proposed agenda is:

o 0830	Set-up	
o 9:00-10:00	Check-in	Pastries and Coffee
o. 9:30.	President's Address	President Dave MacDonald
o. 09:45.	Secretary's Report	Secretary Bianco
o 10:00	Regional Vice-president Address.	RVP J. Fisher
o 11:00	Sponsor's Presentations.	GEHA
o Noon	Lunch	Choice of entree
o 1:00.	Legislative Presentation	Headquarters
o. 1:45.	NARFE Advocacy and Webinars	
o 2:30	Installation of Officers	
o 2:45	Raffle	
o 3:00	Adjourn	

- The Board discussed the future of the NARFE in Rhode Island. Currently we have two chapters and a Federation and no CDLs identified. Our Chapters have few active members and the few active members are getting older. There is a possibility that with the loss of population in RI there will be only one Congressional District, which will cause us to lose a representative in Congress. A motion passed to close the South County Chapter 998 and move the membership to the Newport County Chapter 869. This will leave only one Chapter in RI.
- Vice-president George Areson and Chapter 0869 President Ray Cheney are planning to attend FedCon2020 in Nevada on August 30 through September 1, 2020. The Board agreed to split the cost of lodging, airfare, and registration between the Federation funds and Chapter funds.
- The Executive Board will meet at the Wyndham Hotel and Suites in Middletown RI on April 29, 2020 to review the Conference planning and to Audit the Financial records

- President Cheney discussed the some of his planning for future meeting presentations, trips and chapter membership Initiatives:
 - President Cheney passed around a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in attending the AAA Senior Driving Course. We need 20 people for the course planned to be held at our April 7, 2020.
 - The Chapter will take a table at the 2020 Annual EXPO at Gurneys Resort and Marina on March 25 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Secretary will order presentation material from Headquarters. So far President Cheney is coordinating this with Jan Wheeler, Dave MacDonald and George Areson assisting, please contact President Cheney if you would like to attend.
 - President Cheney put together a list of possible RI Tours that the Chapter members may be interested in:
 - RI Lighthouses
 - Providence's Outrageously Delicious Lunch Tour
 - Providence by Road and River
 - Scenic Rhode Island

We need to have at least 20 people interested in going on a tour for the company to schedule one for us.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 3, 2020 – NARFE Chapter Meeting, United Congregational Church, 1:00 PM
- March 11, 2020 – MX Training Webinar at Dave MacDonald's office for Federation and Chapter officers, 2:00 PM
- March 25, 2020 – 2020 Annual EXPO at Gurneys Resort and Marina , 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- April 7, 2020 – NARFE Chapter Meeting, United Congregational Church, 1:00 PM followed by AAA Senior Driving Course (proposed)
- April 29, 2020 – RI State Federation Executive Board meeting, Wyndham Newport Hotel, Middletown RI, Noon. (Convention Planning and Audit)
- May 18, 2020 – RI Federation Conference at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Ave, Middletown RI, 9:00 AM to 3 PM
- August 30–September 1 – FedCon2020 NARFE National Conference, Scottsdale, AZ

PROGRAM:

Our guest speaker for this meeting was Officer Guerriero from the Middletown Police Department who talked to us about the latest scams the police are seeing and what to do if you encounter one.

Richard Bianco,



Chapter 0869 Secretary

2019-2020 Officers and Committees

- **Officers of the Chapter:**

- President Raymond Cheney
- Vice-president Donald Hood
- Secretary Richard Bianco
- Treasurer David Ferkinhoff

- **Committees**

- Executive Committee:
 - Chairman Raymond Cheney
 - Members Donald Hood
Richard Bianco
David Ferkinhoff
- Membership Committee Chair: Mary Pedro
- Legislative Committee Chair: Vacant
- Nominating Committee Chair: Richard Bianco
- Sunshine Committee Chair: Mary Pedro
- Hospitality Committee Chair: Vacant
- Calling Committee Chair: Chair: Mary Pedro
- Charitable Contributions Chair: Mary Pedro
- Service Officer: Vacant (Questions directed to the National Service Officer)
- PAC Coordinator: Dave MacDonald
- Website and Net Coordinator: Dave Ferkinhoff
- Alzheimer's Program Coordinator: Carol Regan
- Presentations Coordinator Chair: Jan Wheeler