

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
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Chapter 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, Vice-President Donald Hood, Secretary Richard Bianco and Treasurer Milena Lepore. Eighteen (17) members attended. President David MacDonald arrived later due to traffic. A quorum was present.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS: No new members were present

SECRETARY'S' REPORT: The Secretary's report for the January 3, 2017 meeting was accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period January 3, 2017 through February 7, 2017, was accepted as read. We have a total of \$3,697.15 in our accounts.

MEMBERSHIP: As of February 12, 2017, we have 210 members. In January, we had 216 members, December 218 members and November 2016 we had 222.

SUNSHINE: Please contact Madeline Beaucage if you know of a member in distress.

HOSPITALITY: Vice-President Donald Hood thanked everyone involved in bringing in the refreshments.

CALLING COMMITTEE: Vice-President Donald Hood thanked Mary Pedro, Amy Medeiros and Lee Viveiros for notifying members of the meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The Chapter Service Officer and a PAC Coordinator positions are open.
- The RI Federation Treasurer position is open.
- 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:

- The membership after some discussion voted to augment the \$296.00 collected at the Holiday luncheon and June luncheon, with general funds and tasked the Treasurer with sending donations of \$100.00 each to:
 - American Lung Association
 - Alzheimer's Association
 - Edward King House Senior Center
 - And the American Red Cross
- The options for the proposed Health Fair in November was discussed, in addition to the NUWC Human Resources Day there may be opportunities to set up a table at the Newport Expo run by the city of Newport RI, the Navy Base run by Welfare and Recreation in the New Gym and a Health Fair held at the Atrium.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- We discussed the Legislative conference in March 2017 in Crystal City VA and a member expressed some interest in attending this conference. President MacDonald will follow up on this matter.
- The Federation Executive Board meeting held on November 14 voted to reduce the number of chapters to two (2) and align our remaining chapters with congressional districts. Currently, two RI chapters, Pawtucket and Providence, are lacking active members, and their officers have resigned. Since this meeting, there is talk in Washington of reducing the RI Legislative districts to one. The implications of this and the restructuring of the bylaws will be discussed at the next Executive Board Meeting on 27 February 2017.
- The Secretary also will review the current Chapter Bylaws and insure that they are in agreement with the new National Bylaws adopted at the 2016 National Convention..
- The need for a standing committee to recommend where our charitable donations should go was identified. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 27, 2017-- NARFE Executive Board Meeting, Warwick RI
- March 2017--Legislative conference in Crystal City VA
- May 2018 – RI Federation Convention hosted by South County Chapter 998
- 2018 -- NARFE National Convention will be held in Jacksonville, Florida.
- 2020 -- NARFE National Convention will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona.

PROGRAM:

- We had no speaker at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Bianco, Chapter 0869 Secretary