

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND  
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Chapter 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. Sixteen (16) members attended. A quorum was present.

**WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS:** No new members were present

**SECRETARIES' REPORT:** The Secretary's report for the March 7, 2017 meeting was accepted.

- The Secretary filed the IRS 990-N postcard for the 2016 tax year. A confirmation of the filing will be kept by the Secretary.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** The Treasurer's report for the period March 7, 2017 through April 3, 2017 was accepted. We have a total of \$3,702.42 in our General Fund.

The Edward King House returned our donation of \$100.00. This money goes into the Charitable Donations Fund giving us \$196.00 member contributions.

**MEMBERSHIP:** As of April 30, 2017 we have 207 members in March had 212 members.

**SUNSHINE:** If you know of a member in distress please get in touch Mary Pedro who has taken over the Sunshine Committee.

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

**CALLING:** President MacDonald thanked Mary Pedro, Amy Medeiros and Lee Viveiros for notifying members of the meeting.

**CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:** The Charitable Contributions Committee met (Mary Pedro and Milena Lepore) and has decided to wait until after the June luncheon to make any donations. This will allow allocation of the total money donated including any money from the upcoming raffle.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- The Chapter Service Officer and a PAC Coordinator positions are 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 Newport Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Job Fair on 14 March was snowed out and has been rescheduled for 18 April 2017. The RI Federation will take a half table Dick Bianco and Carol Regan will greet any prospective new members. This event will happen at Gurney's Newport Resort & Marina.
- The Secretary is reviewing the current Federation Bylaws to insure that they are in agreement with the new National Bylaws adopted at the 2016 National Convention, and account for National members who can vote but are not members of a Chapter but are still eligible to vote and hold Federation Officer Positions.
- The Secretary is also looking at the methods to be used to achieve the one-man one vote resolution passed at the last National convention.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- President MacDonald addressed the meeting and discussed the following items:
  - Members were warned to be aware of an aggressive phone fraud that targets federal annuitants. Do not give any information or money to a scammer claiming to be from OPM.
  - NARFE President Richard Thissen's statement expressing disappointment at the House oversight Committee is approving the Postal Service Reform Act. This will force Postal retirees to choose Medicare at 65, or lose their medical coverage.
  - A bill to use the CPI-E index for COLA adjustments was applauded by NARFE.
- Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- June 5, 2017-- NARFE Executive Board Meeting, Warwick RI
- July 10 – July 14 Presidents Meeting in Jacksonville Fla
- May 2018 – RI Federation Convention hosted by South County Chapter 998
- 2018 -- NARFE National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida
- 2020 -- NARFE National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona

**PROGRAM:** The speaker was Frank Carini who writes for ecoRI news, an online newspaper telling stories about environmental success and failures. Frank described what ecoRI is and what kinds of environmental issues are covered. ecoRI can be read at [www.ecoRI.org](http://www.ecoRI.org).

Respectfully submitted, Richard Bianco, Chapter 0869 Secretary