

**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. A quorum was present with 30 members attending.

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

**SECRETARIES' REPORT:** The Secretary's report for the April 4, 2017 meeting was accepted.

- The Secretary also read the RI Federation meeting report on the Newport Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Job Fair on April 18, 2017.
- The Secretary noted receipt of two letters: One from the Edward King Senior Center and one from the Boys and Girls Club of Newport. Both letters were made available to the Charitable Contributions Committee and are now on file.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** The Treasurer's report for the period April 3, 2017 through May 2, 2017 was accepted. We have a total of \$3,695.85 in our General Fund.

No contributions or donations were made to or from the Charitable Donations Fund this period so the fund continues to have \$196.00 in it. A new line item will be added to the Treasurer's Report to report out this funds balance starting with the September meeting.

**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 committee is waiting for the results of the June luncheon to make any donations.

**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 was held on April 18, 2017. The RI Federation took a half table and Dave MacDonald, Dick Bianco and Carol Regan greeted prospective new members. This event happened at Gurney's Newport Resort & Marina.
- The Secretary is modifying the NARFE approved Colorado Federations Bylaws for use by the RI Federation to insure that they are in agreement with the new National Bylaws adopted at the 2016 National Convention.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- President MacDonald identified that NARFE's National Association has a new Executive Director, Barbara Sido. Sido has more than 20 years of experience in all aspects of association management. She has worked as Deputy Executive Director and interim Executive Director of Business and Professional Women (BPW)/USA, as Foundation Director and Chief Knowledge Officer at the American School Food Service Association (now the School Nutrition Association), and as Vice President for Knowledge and Professional Practice at the American Institute of Architects. She has served as an executive director four times previously at national, state and local organizations.
- The naming of the Executive Director brings the NARFE's management in line with the Future of NARFE Committee's recommendations to have a President, Vice-President/Treasurer and an Executive Director leading the Association
- The June Luncheon is a buffet on June 6, 2017 at the Mainstay Inn in Newport, at Noon. Cost will be 15.00 for members and members are encouraged to bring a prospective new member, who will go free. Bring an item to donate to the raffle.
- Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- May 4, 2017—Regional Vice-Presidents Meeting, Devens MA
- June 5, 2017-- NARFE Executive Board Meeting, Warwick RI
- June 6, 2017—Chapter 869 June Luncheon, Mainstay Inn, at Noon
- 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 speakers today were from Child and Family Services in Newport. They focused on the services and volunteer opportunities that Child and Family have for the elderly. Gerald LePage described the support services for seniors, volunteer programs that help seniors and the Friendly Visitor program. Meghan Slone described the programs that attempt to help seniors who are victims of crimes. And, Janet

Grapentine RN, a nurse manager who handles the caregiver Support Group and the Alzheimer's support group.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Bianco, Chapter 0869 Secretary