

NARFE Chapter 372

Norristown, PA

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by President, George Shal

Attendance: 19 Members and guests were present

The invocation was given by Si Nagel who also led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

New Members were introduced: Marshal Miller, formerly of SSA and Tom Brunner formerly of DoD

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived and they were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Si Nagle reported a balance of \$ 4130.77 A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report

Membership Chair Report, Eileen Fitzgerald -- 305 chapter members, 40 National members, and 4 life members.

Other committee reports: Legislation Chair Dennis Fitzgerald – Senator Spector has signed off on repealing WEP/GPO

Service/Newsletter: Although Joe Patti was not at the meeting today, George mentioned that Joe would be issuing a newsletter in June.

Sunshine: Rubin Kenworthy passed away and Alice Snyder sent the family a condolence card

Old Business Discussed:

- 1. State Convention: George Shal, Ted Mason, and Sue Mason attended the State Convention and reported back to the membership. A new State President and Vice President were elected at the convention this year. Glenn Pearson will no longer be our Vice President. Margaret Baptiste, National President was in attendance at the state convention for the entire meeting. Ted Mason was reelected to his post as 2nd VP. There is a new legislative department in NARFE. Premium conversion for health insurance is looking more favorable, with 61 cosponsors on the legislation in Congress. NARFE national is not hopeful that WEP/GPO will pass due to budget constraints. And finally, the basket that we funded and George put together for fundraising at the convention was a big hit.**

- 1. Bus Trip to Atlantic City on August 6th. Peg Bergman reported that she sent the contract to Kraph Bus company for the bus trip. She told the group we will probably go to Caesars Atlantic**

city. The fee for each person will be \$30. No word yet on the amount of cash back we will receive from the casino. Perhaps we will have that info by the next meeting. A "Save the Date" message is on the website regarding the trip. Peg mentioned that Tornetta Realty company was kind enough to give us permission to park in their lot at Northtowne Plaza and provided a map for those who were interested.

1. Health Fair in November. Peg Bergman reported that BC/BS and Aetna have definitely agreed to participate in our health fair and that she is still trying to contact one of the postal plans to ask them to participate. The membership asked that Peg try to get materials only for Met Life.

1. George Shal told the members that he checked and our money for Alzheimers is due the 10th of the month. It was decided to hold the Alzheimers money that we received in May until after our June meeting.

New Business Discussed:

1. George Shal reported that he, Si and Ted worked out completing the new IRS form for small nonprofits on line

The membership voted to reimburse the following individuals for expenses:

George Shal \$74.48 for the cost of the badges for officers

George Shal \$514.06 for the cost of travel to the State Convention

Sue Mason \$125.00 for the cost of travel to the State Convention

Ted Mason's expenses we picked up by the State

1. The membership voted to purchase a NARFE 372 banner

1. A discussion was held regarding continuing the practice of calling individuals to remind them of the meetings. We decided to suspend that practice because calls did not work.

1. The membership discussed ways in which we could increase attendance at meetings. The membership finally decided to send postcards to all of the new members since Jan 2007 and to invest \$150 in recruiting new members to attend the meetings. A postcard will be developed prior to the June meeting inviting those individuals to the next meeting with an offer to win a free lunch at the Old Country Buffet. Al Henryson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Gwen Wilson, and Peg Bergman, will serve on the committee. George Shal will print the post cards after it is designed

Guest Speaker: Mr. Gordon Campbell, RSVP speakers bureau gave an informative discussion on Wills and Trusts which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting will be held at the Old Country Buffet at 1 PM on June 4, 2008.