

NARFE Chapter 372
Norristown, PA

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

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

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: Jack Coffee, Veterans Admin Hospital
John Kraus, Dept of Navy
Rich Shol, Naval Air Tech Servs Phila

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of May 7, 2008 were waived and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Si Nagle reported a balance of \$3731.83. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report

Membership Committee Report: Eileen Fitzgerald reported that there are 304 Chapter members, 40 NO members, and 4 Honorary Members for a Grand Total of 348 members.

Other committee reports:

Service Committee: Joe Patti indicated he will issue a newsletter in June

Sunshine Committee: Alice Snyder had nothing to report this time

Old Business Discussed:

Al Henryson showed the group the postcard developed to invite new members to the meetings which was mailed out in late May. Al, Gwen Wilson, Eileen Fitzgerald and Peg Bergman worked on the postcard. Apparently the mailing was successful because three new members did attend the meeting. Each new member received a \$10 gift certificate to use at the Old Country Buffet. Hopefully they will use it when attending future meetings. This project came in under our budget of \$150 at approximately \$50 and seemed to be worth our investment.

Peg Bergman reported to the group that based on her count she was reasonably confident that a minimum of 15 people would go on the bus trip to AC on August 6, 2008. She said that an invite would be going

out to the general membership in the newsletter which Joe Patti was issuing in June which would increase the number of participants. She said the bus company still had not indicated the amount we would receive in coin but that she had contacted Caesars and they indicated the amount would be \$17. Hopefully we will have more definitive information on the rebate at the July meeting. The membership voted to definitely go on the trip.

Peg Bergman reported that the Service Benefit Plan, Aetna, probably GEHA will attend our Health Fair in November. She said she is still trying to contact a Postal Plan. The membership reminded her that they had asked for brochures or representation from Met Life because it is a dental provider. Peg had forgotten that and promises to check into it by the next meeting.

George Shal reminded the membership about the Chapter support for Alzheimer's research and told Si Nagel to go ahead and send a check off to State NARFE for the amount we have collected so far.

New Business Discussed:

George Shal asked if anyone using AOL service has a problem reading the draft monthly minutes on line as one member was having difficulty retrieving them on AOL. Gwen Wilson and Eileen Fitzgerald both responded after the meeting that they did not have any difficulty.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100 to RSVP from the Chapter as they have been very nice about providing speakers for our meetings.

It was mentioned that the Old Country Buffet is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy and there was some concern about where we could have our meetings if the restaurant closed. One of the members mentioned that Montco Senior Center (SAC) offers free meeting rooms for seniors but there was no further discussion on the matter.

The membership voted on and approved the following reimbursements:

Stamps for mailing post cards to new members \$16.20 – Peg Bergman

Gift Certificates to Old Country Buffet for 3 new members – Peg Begman

George Shal mentioned that if he can overcome some technical issues, he hoped to have the Wii fitness game at the July meeting for people who were interested in seeing and using it.

Guest Speaker: Richard Sundheim from RSVP gave a very interesting presentation entitled Social Security where are we headed? His presentation resulted in a discussion of Social Security/Medicare

issues which the group decided would be appropriate for a representative from the Social Security Administration to address. We will request that they address the group at a future meeting.

As there was no other new business the meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm

Next meeting will be held at the Old Country Buffet on July 2, 2008

Respectfully Submitted
Peggy Bergman