

NARFE Chapter 372
Norristown, PA
Approved June 3. 2009

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

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

Attendance: 23 Members and guests were present.

The invocation was given by Si Nagel. George Shal led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

New Members were introduced: We were pleased to have a new member Elsie Boerner attend and hope she enjoyed the meeting.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of April, 1, 2009 were waived and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Si Nagle reported a balance of \$ 3628.45. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report

Membership Committee Report: Eileen Fitzgerald reported that there are 317 Chapter members, 31 NO members, and 5 Life Members for a Grand Total of 353 members.

Other committee reports:

Sunshine Committee: Alice Snyder passed around a card for all of us to sign for Dennis Fitzgerald who is recovering from surgery. Next month Alice (our sunshine lady) will have surgery and we wish both Dennis and Alice a speedy recovery.

Old Business Discussed

Resolution on Unified Dues -We were notified by National that the resolution on Unified Dues will be sent to the Chapter Secretary. At that time, the Chapter will take a final vote on the issue. Previously our chapter unanimously voted against the proposal. To date the information has not been received from National.

Alternative site working group – Al Henryson is looking for a site in the event that the Old Country Buffet should close without notice. He did visit Ray's Diner which is near the Old Country Buffet and was told that every member attending would be charged for lunch whether they ate or not. He believed the charge would be around \$9. As a result the chapter members present agreed that Ray's would be used on a one time only basis should the Old Country Buffet shut down and a more suitable site would be found if need be. Jack Kraus mentioned checking into a Community Center.

Spirit of Philadelphia Boat Cruise – Peg Bergman reported that we had made arrangements for our August outing for Wednesday August 5th on the Spirit of Philadelphia. Members and their invited guests are invited. The all inclusive cost per person is \$41 which includes a narrated tour along the river, live entertainment, an all you can eat buffet lunch, tips, taxes and fees. In order to reserve your space, please make your check out to NARFE 372 for the number of people attending in your party and send it to Si Nagel **by July 2, 2009**. Si's address is 262 Little Brook Lane, Pottstown, PA 19465. The tickets are being held for us at the ship so we should all meet at 11 am at the ship in order to get our tickets and be ready to board. ([Columbus Boulevard at Lombard Circle, 555 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19147](#). There is a fee for parking for each car which is between \$10 and \$12.)

New Business Discussed:

Member running for elected office – Our former chapter President is running for the school board in Norristown School District which covers Norristown, East Norriton, and West Norriton. If you are in those areas please be sure to get out and vote.

Charter ByLaws revision committee – President George Shal requested volunteers to serve on a Charter bylaws revision committee for reviewing the by laws to make them more flexible in terms of holding meeting during January and February and also holding Saturday meetings. Gwen Wilson and Peg Bergman volunteered to be co-chairs of the committee and Mike Manes also volunteered to serve on the committee.

Reimbursements – The chapter voted to reimburse Peg Bergman in the amount of \$304.34 for the deposit on the Spirit of Philadelphia Cruise and also voted to reimburse Peg Bergman in the amount of \$7.59 for the speaker's lunch for the day.

Guest Speaker: Our speaker this month was Jim Broiderick an extremely knowledgeable Social Security representative who spoke at length about the ins and outs of social security. The audience was really taken with his depth of the subject and appreciated the time he spent with us. George Shal gave him a NARFE mug, a sign up form for NARFE, and we also gave him old NARFE magazines to take back to his office to share with his coworkers.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30pm

Next meeting will be held at the Old Country Buffet on Wednesday, June 3, 2009