

NARFE Chapter 372
Norristown, PA

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

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

Attendance: 14 Members were present

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

New Members were introduced: Len Fords attended his first meeting.

Guest Speaker:

Rosanne Strang from Transnet Shared Ride Program for Seniors shared some very interesting information for our members about the program. It isn't just for going to doctor appointments and hospitals. You can use it to go fun places too! And it's door to door service. The fee is minimal you just have to be willing to share a ride with others and be a little flexible on scheduling. Otherwise it is a great deal. Additional information is available on the net at www.suburbantransit.org We are hoping to use their services to transport some of our members to the Spirit of Philadelphia ship in August.

Peg Bergman shared information about Montgomery County Community College including cultural programs (we can get a discount), fun courses for everyone (no discounts on them), community outreach programs such as watching the stars from the observatory or going to community day in the Fall, and taking credit courses for only the cost of the fees if you sign up on Senior Citizen Day. Ask Peg if you have any questions or visit the college website at www.mc3.edu. One member asked a question if Montco offers the Professional Engineering Certificate Refresher class and Peg said she will check into it and get back to him.

Secretary Peg Bergman read minutes of the previous meeting of May 6, 2009. George Shal made a addition to the minutes to include that we provided our speaker of the

previous meeting from Social Security Administration with a NARFE mug. After that addition, the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Si Nagel reported a balance of \$3433.30. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report

Membership Committee Report: Eileen Fitzgerald was unable to attend but forwarded a report that there are 312 Chapter members, 31 NO members, and 5 Honorary Members for a Grand Total of 348 members.

Other committee reports:

Service Committee: Joe Patti did not attend this meeting but George Shal indicated we would issue a newsletter by the end of the month. (Please note, this may have been overtaken by events, since we needed to send out a post card regarding the Spirit of Philadelphia trip in August).

Sunshine Committee: Alice Snyder was not at the meeting because she did in fact have her surgery. She is recovering well and all of us at the meeting signed a card to send to her.

Unfinished Business Discussed:

Bylaws committee (Gwen Wilson, Peg Bergman, Mike Manus) reported that they have not had an opportunity to work on the bylaws but intend to before the next meeting. Also, it is unclear if we have the most recent copy of the bylaws and Ted Mason said he would send them to Peg Bergman. The committee was told to look at the bylaws in total for example when and where we meet and how we notify members of meetings if it is not already covered by the bylaws.

Alternate Site committee (Al Henryson) Al reported that he checked the Plymouth Community Center and it is only available in the fall and winter and they charge \$90.

Peg Bergman reported that the Spirit of Philadelphia Lunch Cruise is on for August 5, 2009. Cost per person is \$41. Members and friends invited. We will meet at the ship at 11am for the cruise. If you sign up for Transnet by July 2, 2009 and want transportation from them, Peg Bergman will arrange it with the nice people at Transnet. (See speakers above).

New Business Discussed:

Reimbursements: The chapter reimbursed Peg Bergman for the \$100 hold on Springhouse Tavern for the annual holiday party.

Ed Levandoski mentioned that members should download form F100 from the NARFE website. It is extremely useful in keeping track of your financial affairs.

George Shal mentioned that the board of the Pa federation of NARFE has come out in opposition to unified dues.

Our new member, Len Fords, requested an update on the status of Premium Conversion in the House and Senate and Ted Mason indicated he will provide that information at the next meeting.

Peg Bergman mentioned that we can get a group rate for a performance at Montgomery County Community College and the members decided to table a discussion on that until September.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:50pm

Next meeting will be held at the Old Country Buffet on Wednesday, July 1 , 2009