

NARFE Chapter 372  
Norristown, PA

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

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

Attendance: 18 Members were present

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

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of June 3, 2009 was waived and approved as submitted and posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sy Nagle reported a balance of \$4187.89. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report

Membership Committee Report: Eileen Fitzgerald reported that there are 310 Chapter members, 31 NO members, and 5 Life Members for a Grand Total of 346 members.

Other committee reports:

Legislative: Dennis Fitzgerald indicated that there are proposals for new Federal employees to be covered automatically in TSP, and a provision for coverage under a Roth IRA. Also proposals that a spouse can retain TSP on the death of the retiree.

Service Committee: Joe Patti indicated that a post card for the August outing and that another mailing will take place before the November meeting calling for election of officers.

Sunshine Committee: Alice Snyder and Nancy Brandt are in rehab at Shannondell. Sue Mason is undergoing surgery next week. We wish all of them well. In addition, on a sadder note, William Moran passed away.

Old Business Discussed:

Bylaws: Gwen Wilson, Mike Manus and Peg Bergman presented their proposed changes to the bylaws for next year. A copy was given to all present. These changes will be voted upon at the November meeting.

Peggy Bergman said that there were still spaces available for the annual outing on the Spirit of Philadelphia Cruise line. She told people to meet at the boat by 11:30 am and if they needed arrangements for Transnet, to let her know and she would make them. (Subsequently, since there were only three people taking Transnet, the cost would have been too high so Peg arranged for these people to ride with other members).

New Business Discussed: Ted Mason mentioned that those of us who live in House District 13 should try to make an appointment with Alyson Schwartz to talk to her about NARFE's interest in premium conversion for health insurance and to discourage Congress from passing taxing health care premiums. He said he would attend the meeting if we let him know when it was.

George Shal mentioned that Fran Caputo, District VP has requested that our chapter support the 2012 State Convention in some way. Dennis Fitzgerald mentioned that we did the 2002 one ourselves which was a lot of work and that another chapter should step up this time. George is going to tell Fran that at this time our Chapter has no interest in participating.

A reimbursement to Peggy Bergman for \$112 for postage announcing the Spirit of Philadelphia boat trip was approved. In addition, the final payment to the Spirit of Philadelphia was approved in the amount of \$507.

Guest Speaker: Ed Levandoski: WWII experiences. Our member, Ed Levandoski, presented a very moving recollection of his experiences during WWII, especially profound were his memories of being part of the first American forces to free the Buchenwald concentration camp. His presentation brought the war to real life; not just something in text books. We appreciate Ed sharing his experiences with us and also his service to our country. Thanks to heroes like Ed, we are a free people today.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30pm.

There will be no minutes for August as that will be our annual outing get-together. The annual outing will be held on August 5, 2009 at the Spirit of Philadelphia and the next regular chapter meeting will be held at the Old Country Buffet on September 2, 2009.