

NARFE Chapter 372
Norristown, PA

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by Peg Bergman, Second Vice President

Attendance: 18 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: John Hnatin was introduced to the group. He formerly worked at Warminster.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of July 1, 2009 were waived and approved as submitted. (There were no minutes for August as that gathering was for our social event on the Spirit of Philadelphia.)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sy Nagle reported a balance of \$4198.71. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report

Membership Committee Report: Eileen Fitzgerald reported that there are 316 Chapter members, 31 NO members, and 5 Honorary Members for a Grand Total of 352 members.

Other committee reports:

Legislative: Ted Mason reported that he had contacted Representative Sestak's office to seek a meeting with him. He has had no response to date. Also Peg Bergman read a notice indicating that the Obama administration is proposing a 2 per cent increase in salary for current federal employees for 2010 and a 3.4 per cent increase for military.

Service Committee: Joe Patti indicated that a newsletter will be issued later this year

Sunshine Committee: Alice Snyder was absent and could not provide a Sunshine Committee report. However, Eileen Fitzgerald reports that Alice is at home now which was good news. We hope she will be able to attend meetings again in the near future.

Eileen also reported that Ed Ward is in Shannondell (she has since notified our President

that his death notice was in the paper), that Thor Orberg was in the hospital, and the Leona Levandoski is home from the hospital.

Old Business Discussed

Spirit of Philadelphia cruise. Fifteen members and guests went on the boat trip and were happy with the trip.

Si Nagel mentioned that we are a little down on our donations to Alzheimer's for the last reporting period.

New Business Discussed:

Chapter 372 has not made any commitment to participate in the NARFE PA 2012 Convention planning

A motion was made and seconded to reimburse George Shal for \$107.40 for the NARFE372.org website annual renewal.

The membership was reminded that the emergency relocation site for a meeting in the event that the OCB was closed is Ray's Diner on Germantown Pk around the corner from OCB. Al Henryson is still on the look out for other alternative sites.

Guest Speaker: Mike Palumbo from PECO gave an excellent overview of why electric rates will be uncapped next year and how we could lessen the impact of that action on our pocketbooks. . Our members really seemed to appreciate his talk and his honesty.

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

Next meeting will be held at the Old Country Buffet on October 7, 2009