

NARFE Chapter 372  
Norristown, PA

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

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

Attendance: 27 Members and guests were present

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

Five new Members were introduced: Bob Brubaker, DCA;, Phillip Shannon, Dept of Defense; Myrna Clearfield, DISC; Jim McDermott, DoD, Navy Supply; Fay Lewis, NAS Willow Grove. Alice Machita also attended after a long absence

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of October 7, 2009 were waived and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Si Nagel reported a balance of \$ 4409.93. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Membership Committee Report: Eileen Fitzgerald was not in attendance but she forwarded a reported that there are 318 Chapter members, 30 NO members, and 5Honorary Members for a Grand Total of 353 members.

Legislative Report: Dennis Fitzgerald was absent so there was no legislative report presented at this meeting.

Sunshine: No report from the Sunshine Committee as Alice was absent. Sadly we were informed that our Sunshine Committer person Alice Snyder passed away on Nov 24, 2009. We will all miss her. A memorial service is planned for the Spring.

Old Business Discussed

Election of officers: The following members were elected as officers and chairpeople at this meeting

President, George Shal

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Theodore Mason

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Margaret Bergman

Secretary, Al Henryson

Treasurer, Simon Nagel

Legislative Chair, Ed Levandoski

Membership Chair/Public Relations, Eileen Fitzgerald

Service Chair, Joseph Patti

Webmaster, Theodore Mason

Sunshine Person, Alice Snyder

The chapter voted to approve the change to the By-Laws. A significant change will be to have year round meetings some of which are on Saturdays to accommodate our active members. The first meeting of the new year will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the Old Country Buffet at 11 am.

Peg Bergman reported that plans have been made for the holiday party to take place on December 2, 2009 at the Springhouse Tavern. Reservations (including the \$20 charge) are due to Si Nagel by Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.

Si mentioned that he will be sending out the Alzheimer's money to them soon. Please put any donations in the jar on the table for the Foundation.

New Business Discussed:

The membership voted to reimburse Peg Bergman \$166 for postage for the mailing for the winter update and for the payment of the lunch for one of those who represented a health carrier at the November meeting.

The membership voted that new members during 2009 will have their brunch paid for by the chapter if they attend the January 2010.

Tickets are being sold for a raffle for the State Convention. They are available from Si Nagel.

The District 2 Leadership Symposium will be held in Gettysburg in the Spring and Ted Mason encouraged new people to attend the symposium this year so they can become familiar with NARFE.

George Shal mentioned the NARFE calendar photo submissions and encouraged any one who is a good photographer to make a submission for consideration.

Peg Bergman handed out a form to gather information from the membership on potential topics for the coming year. Hopefully the membership will turn it in at the Holiday Party or at the January meeting.

Guest Speaker: Representatives from GEHA and Blue Cross and Blue Shield answered member's questions about their plans.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting 3:00 pm

Next meeting will be held at the Springhouse Tavern on December 2, 2009 at noon.