

NARFE Chapter 372
Norristown, PA

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, January 9, 2010 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

The meeting was called to order at 11AM by George Shal.

Attendance: 26 members and guests were present.

There was a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our special guest and speaker, William Platt from RSVP was introduced by George Shal.

William Platt gave a delightful trip back in time to a period when many of us were growing up and his speech brought back lots of good and interesting memories.

Following this entertaining talk George Shal introduced the new members and guests and also had each of us introduce ourselves for the benefit of the group.

New members were: Paula Gart

Peg Bergman read the December meeting minutes which were approved unanimously by the members present.

The Oath of Office for new officers was then conducted by Sue Mason, outgoing 1st Vice President to the following new officers that were present:

George Shal – President

Ted Mason - 1st Vice President

Peggy Bergman - 2nd Vice President

Al Henryson – Secretary

Si Nagel – Treasurer

Ed Levandoski – Legislative Chair

Joe Patti – Service Chair

Eileen Fitzgerald – Membership Chair/Public Relations was absent and will be sworn in when she next attends the next meeting.

George Shal then asked for the following Officer and Committee Reports:

The December and January Treasurer's Report was given by Si Nagel who reported a current balance of \$4,576.36

The Legislation Report was given by Ed Levandoski who encouraged everyone to review the NARFE Magazine and especially the articles concerning the proposed Health Care Plan.

The Membership/Public Relations Report was not given due to the absence of Eileen Fitzgerald.

The Service/Newsletter Report by Joe Patti – No report.

The Sunshine Report – No report. George Shal asked for a volunteer to replace Alice Snyder who sadly passed away. We will really miss her. Any interested person is asked to see George or Peggy.

Old Business;

Peggy Bergman gave a report on the Holiday Party held at the Springhouse Tavern. Although all had a good time there were fewer members who participated this year. She asked for suggestions regarding next year's party.

Peggy also reported that the Chapter continues to collect donations for Alzheimer's Research through the donation jar prominently displayed at each meeting and also through the 50/50 drawing held each month – 50% of the amount collected for the drawing gets added to the donation jar.

Peggy also handed out a form listing all planned monthly programs and activities for this calendar year and asked for additional suggestions to be submitted to her for consideration.

George announced the District 2 Leadership Symposium which is to be held in Gettysburg, PA March 23 and 24. He encouraged all new officers and interested members to attend. It was agreed by all members present that 6 members would attend and that a sum of \$1200 be appropriated from the budget for reimbursable expenses.

George also announced the Pennsylvania Federation Meeting scheduled for May also to be held in Gettysburg. Peggy made a proposal that 2 chapter members attend and it was seconded and approved by all members. George suggested that we again sponsor a half page ad in the program at a cost to be determined later, and a basket for \$100. The motion was proposed and accepted.

New Business:

It was proposed and approved that Peggy be reimbursed \$84 for postage for postcards sent to all listed members announcing this monthly chapter meeting and \$19.05 for the lunch for our speaker and two new members who joined the chapter during 2009.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 1PM where we will have Joe Patti as our guest speaker for a presentation on "Transylvania".