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NARFE Chapter 372
Norristown, PA

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

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

Attendance: 17 members were present.

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

Our speaker, Joe Patti, NARFE Chapter 372 member was introduced by George Shal.

Joe gave a fascinating slide show on his trip to Transylvania (Hungary and Romania) last year, where his Mother was from and other family members still reside. The pictures were excellent and the talk was very interesting.

There were no new members or guests present.

Al Henryson, Secretary, read the January meeting minutes which were approved as amended.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Eileen Fitzgerald – Membership Chair/Public Relations will be sworn in at the March meeting.

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

Si Nagel, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report for February. The

current balance on hand is \$4,638.91

Ed Levandoski, Legislation, reported that the proposed new federal health plan is almost dead but to keep contacting our legislators to let them know our feelings on the plan.

Eileen Fitzgerald, Membership/Public Relations, reported that we have 329 chapter members, 29 National members and 5 Life members for a total of 363 members. It was also discussed that she would submit the "Death Report" to the Pennsylvania Federation and e-mail a copy to George.

Joe Patti, Service/Newsletter – George recommended that the Chapter Newsletter be published before the next meeting and that Joe send it to George in a week so that he, George, would have time to print it and get it posted to the Chapter Web Site prior to the March meeting.

Gwen Wilson - Sunshine – She was introduced by George as the new Sunshine person to the pleasure of all. Gwen reported that Helen Scott had broken her foot and that she would be sending a get well card to her.

Old Business;

Peg, 2nd Vice President, reminded everyone to continue their donations to Alzheimer's Research. She then reviewed the Programs and Activities schedule as currently scheduled for this year. The meetings for March will have Jim Gerlach (a Saturday meeting), for April a speaker on taxes, for May, State Representative Kate Harper (a Saturday meeting), for June a social trip to Chanticleer (which was voted on and approved at this meeting), and for July, Ted Mason speaking on real estate assessments.

Peggy also reported on the form handed out at last meeting for members to suggest activities for the year. After some discussion it was decided to go to Chanticleer for the June social event as reported above. It is a guided 90 minute tour of house and gardens costing about \$10 per person. We may meet at Minella's Diner in Wayne for lunch beforehand.

George then requested those members involved in the District 2 Leadership Symposium in Gettysburg to remain after the meeting and discuss the details.

George then made a motion to elect the Delegates for the Pennsylvania Convention in May. George Shal and Joe Patti were approved as the primary Delegates and Sue Mason and Peg Bergman were approved as the alternate delegates.

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.

New Business:

Al will submit the bill for reimbursement for a new 3 ring binder and a 3-hole punch he had bought at Staples at the next meeting. The present binder he received from Peg was full.

Ted discussed doing personal tax returns on the computer.

Peg mentioned that OPM Tax Statements mailed to some individuals were incorrect and that corrected statements will be mailed shortly.

And Peg reminded everyone present to remember to give a tip to the waitress.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 11 AM for a

presentation by Congressman Jim Gerlach.