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NARFE Chapter 372
Norristown, PA

A regular meeting was held Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

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

Attendance: 12 members were present.

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

George introduced our guest speaker this month, Chapter member Ted Mason who spoke about Real Estate Assessments.

Ted gave an interesting presentation on his extensive knowledge of the real estate assessment process resulting from his personal experience. He explained the assessment and appeal process and showed us disparities in the County records of 1998, the last time the County did a county-wide assessment. We learned much from his presentation.

He also demonstrated his tinkering skills by showing us a device he made from off-the-shelf parts to alert us when someone crosses a beam that can send an alerting signal to the holder of a remote receiver. It has various applications and can be borrowed from him if interested.

A reading of the May minutes by Al Henryson, Secretary, was recommended and approved to be suspended since the minutes were available on the NARFE Chapter 372 Website and some printed copies were distributed to requesting individuals. The minutes were approved as written.

Officer and Committee Reports:

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

Si Nagel, Treasurer, reported on both the June and July Reports. For June the balance on hand was \$3770.00 and for July, as of this date, the balance was \$4,032.27. The reports as submitted were unanimously approved.

Ed Levandoski, Legislation, reported no new issues.

Eileen Fitzgerald, Membership/Public Relations, reported that after reconciling the M114 report there are presently 321 Chapter members, 28 National Only members and 5 Life members for a total of 354 assigned to the Chapter.

Joe Patti, Service/Newsletter. George Shal reported that the Newsletter will be mailed in a couple weeks.

Gwen Wilson, Sunshine, reported that thankfully there have been no new illnesses by members reported to her.

Old Business:

June Trip: Peggy Bergman reported on the interesting and successful trip to Chanticleer last month. It was enjoyed by all.

PA Convention Update: George reported on the highlights of the Convention he attended. A proposal to allow retired military personnel to join NARFE was defeated; election of new Federation members was held effective July 1; another commission created by President Obama called the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform is crafting proposals to be submitted to the President by December 2010 to reduce the long term debt, including a possible restructuring of federal benefits; and a resolution was adopted of an expectation of a NARFE dues increase.

Chapter support for Alzheimer's Research: Peggy reported that there is a goal

of \$1.00 per year per member.

Update on November Health Fair: Peggy reported that several health plans will be represented.

NAPUS State Convention June 26-27 table: George reported that he and some other Chapter members manned a table at the National Association of Post Masters of the United States convention in King of Prussia to solicit new NARFE members. He was pleased to report that many attendees were already NARFE members.

New Business:

August: Meet Your Candidates Month (Commission): George reported that Charley Saylor, NARFE District 2 VP will give a presentation to us on NARFE and the coming changes.

Reimbursements: Approved for Convention expenses for Sue Mason and George Shal and to Sue and Ted for today's luncheon expenses for being our speaker.

Name badges for officers and regular attendees: George discussed getting badges made with names only, for these Chapter individuals.

Other New Business: George stated it is important for Thrift Savings holders to complete and submit the TSP-3 form to help with your estate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

The next meetings will be held Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at 1 PM for a presentation by Charley Saylor, NARFE District 2 Vice President and -

Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 11 AM for a presentation by Allyson Y. Schwartz, D, PA-13.

Al Henryson, Secretary