

NARFE Chapter 1956  
Cookeville, TN  
Chapter Meeting April 15, 2008

President Ronnie Collins opened the meeting by asking for an invocation led by Ozzie Oswald. The pledge to the USA Flag followed. He then welcomed the 34 members and guests present. The guests were John Owens and Charles and Jane Kosa.

PROGRAM:

Marie Farran, Ombudsman for the TN Agency on Aging in the Cumberland area, was the speaker for the evening. Her talk was focused on long-term health care, assisted living, and nursing home care and how much the government will help. She stressed that people need to plan for their own health care as much as they can. Minutes were approved as read.

President's Report: Mr. Collins reported that members still needed to support the Premium Conversion bill, which has not passed yet. He talked about the State Convention coming up April 28-29. There was \$106.00 collected for NARFE-PAC at the previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Evans reported a balance of \$344.39 at the end of March.

Membership: Chuck MacKenzie stated that six members received notices in March. Some were contacted who said they would renew, and three were mailed letters. Two have not responded and one has no valid phone number. Two of those contacted are national members. Seven members renewed their membership in March.

Sunshine: Howard Hitchcock is out of the hospital and is at home with Hospice care.

Alzheimer's: Reba Collins gave an update on the plans for the yard sale to be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please bring donations on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> between 4:00pm and 6:30pm. There is \$71.44 in the Alzheimer's fund.

Unfinished business: The committee on locating a location for the Christmas party asked for more time. This was held over till next time.

Old business: The annual June picnic will be held at Standing Stone State Park and barbeque will be served.

The next meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup> and the speaker will be Judy Greenwood, Director of Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Door prizes were given out and the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Bryant, Secretary