

NARFE CHAPTER 1956
COOKEVILLE, TN
FEBRUARY 19, 2008

Cookeville Chapter 1956 met at 6:00 PM February 19 at Shoney's Restaurant with 27 members present. President Ronnie Collins began the meeting with an invocation led by Kent Fletcher followed by the pledge to the flag. Recent member, Thelma Buckner and her husband, Edgar was welcomed and the speaker for the evening, Teresa Galey, was introduced. She is the Wellness Coordinator for the Putnam County YMCA. Her topic was "Whole Wellness for Seniors", giving reasons for keeping fit and how the YMCA can help. Brochures were passed out.

A business meeting followed.

Minutes from January meeting were read and approved.

President's Report:

Members were thanked for program suggestions. Question about whether newsletter received by everyone was raised. Two things mentioned in the newsletter were about retention rate.

1. Mr. Collins asks for 100% renewal rate when time comes.
2. Each member is asked to recruit one new member this year.
3. Be sure to have a membership application available with your ID number and chapter number on it.

Treasurer's Report: The balance at end of January was \$498.13.

Committee Reports:

- Legislative Report: Check the newsletter for latest update on our legislative bills. A reminder was given to call our 2 Senators and remind them to support these bills. The toll free number is 800-220-0044.
- Membership Report: Two new members were reported, Gerard Hendrickson introduced at last meeting, and Cathy Gallagher of Monterey. Ruth Osborn has assumed her husband's membership. Eight members were re-contacted with second notices and all said they would renew. Five members renewed their membership in January. Dues withholding was again stressed.
- Sunshine Report: Howard Hitchcock and Jan MacKenzie were reported ill.
- Alzheimer's Report: \$47.00 was collected. Reba Collins discussed plans for a yard sale to be held in May to benefit Alzheimer's and asked for suggestions for a location.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made and passed to place a one-fourth-page ad in the 2008 Convention Program book at the cost of \$55.00.

New Business:

The Nashville Chapter is hosting the State Federation convention in April and they have invited our chapter members to attend. You must make a reservation by March 15 if staying and all must register ahead if attending. A motion to donate a \$25.00 gift card for a door prize was made and approved.

The next meeting will be March 18th. Our speaker will be Herschel Taylor the State NARFE-PAC Chairman.

Door prizes were awarded and meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Elizabeth Bryant, Secretary