

NARFE CHAPTER 1956
COOKEVILLE, TN
JANUARY 15, 2008

Cookeville Chapter 1956 convened at 6:00 PM January 15, 2008 at Shoney's Restaurant with 32 members and guests present.

New president Ronnie Collins began the meeting with a prayer, led by Ozzie Oswald, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag..

Chuck MacKenzie introduced the guest speaker, George Halford from the Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce who presented a talk on the local economy, and work of the Chamber of Commerce. A question and answer session followed.

President's Report:

President Collins expressed appreciation to past officers Chuck MacKenzie, president and Jan MacKenzie, secretary and thanked those who agreed to work on committees for the following year. The Shoney's meeting room has been reserved for the current year. He asked that cards be completed and returned for program suggestions. There will be a meeting in April this year since the State Convention is in late April.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$351.59.

Legislative Report:

The House Social Security Subcommittee has scheduled a hearing on January 16. This will include discussion of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Pension (WEP). The House went back in session yesterday (01/14) and the Senate will reconvene next week.

Membership report:

One new member, Delois Boone and one prospective member, Gerard Hendrickson were reported. Eight members renewed membership in December. There are 142 members, 15 of which are life members. 37 are dues withholding members.

Sunshine Report:

Cards were sent to Orpha Koger, who has moved to an assisted living facility in Knoxville, Jacque Pine, whose son is in ICU in Nashville, and Bill Masters, who has been in the hospital.

Alzheimer's Report: \$27.44 was collected.

Unfinished Business:

Jan MacKenzie reported on the recipient of the Needy Family Gift the chapter donated Christmas.

The decision on placing an ad and names for the Booster list in the National Convention Program Book will be on hold for one more month. It is due May 17.

New Business:

A committee was formed to recommend a location, date and caterer for the next Christmas Banquet. Sharon Martin, chair

Jan MacKenzie
Laverne Evans
Lou Richards
Jacque Pine
Elizabeth Bryant

Announcements:

Delegates for the State Federation Convention are reminded to pick up a delegate form and anyone who wants to go to the National Convention in Louisville KY in September 2008 was reminded to see Ronnie before leaving.

NARFE Region X has established a committee to study membership retention. In our area, Federation VP, Larry Cunningham is asking for our thoughts and help on solving this problem.

The next meeting will be February 19, and the program will be by Teresa Galey, who will speak about physical fitness.

Door prizes were given out and meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Elizabeth Bryant, Secretary