

NARFE Chapter 1956
Cookeville, TN
March 18, 2008

Cookeville chapter met at 6:30 PM March 18 at Shoney's Restaurant with 25 guests and members present.

President Ronnie Collins opened the meeting with an invocation and the pledge to the flag. Guest and prospective members Mike Walsh and Pat Irlbacker were welcomed.

The program was about NARFE-PAC. The designated speaker was unable to attend, so President Collins filled in with pertinent information about NARFE-PAC and asked for member's support of this program. An envelope was passed for donations.

A business meeting followed.

Minutes were approved as written.

President's Report:

- Stressed need for new members
- Reported members moved out of area, Bill Barnes, Charlie Bringman and Peggy Ray. Bob and Gerry Hagens will be moving soon
- Report given about upcoming Federal convention
- Surprise for Ray Wurm's 89th birthday- cake and wishes

Treasurer's Report: Jim Evans, balance end of February \$279.95

Committee Reports:

- Legislative Report: Two bill introductions of interest, H.R. 5573, to provide Federal Employees Retirement System accumulated sick leave to be partially "cashed out" at retirement and H.R. 5550, legislation to increase the maximum age to qualify for coverage as a "child" under the health benefits program for Federal Employees. Neither is expected to pass this session.
- Membership report: Chuck MacKenzie reported one reinstatement, three members sent renewal notices, two members left area and one prospective member sent an application and invitation to meeting. Five members renewed in February.
- Sunshine Report: Addine Dow, Phillip Violette and Howard Hitchcock were reported as having been ill
- Alzheimer's Report: Reba Collins discussed plans for a yard sale in May to benefit Alzheimer's. No collection this meeting.

Unfinished Business: Sharon reported that the group is still searching for a suitable location for the Christmas meeting

The next meeting will be April 15th and the speaker will be Marie Farran who is with the Tennessee Agency on Aging and will be discussing Medicare and long-term care.

Door prizes were given out and meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Bryant, Secretary