Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956 Minutes of Meetings January 20, 2009

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met at Shoney's Restaurant January 20, 2009 with 13 members and guests present. Members were welcomed and guests were recognized.

Meeting was opened by an invocation and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Speaker was Dawn Hickey who is a Coordinator with the Upper Cumberland Medical Reserve Corps.

The reading of previous meeting minutes was dispensed. Minutes were approved as recorded.

President Collins reported that the health insurance program open season was extended until the end of January, there will be no required Minimum Distribution due for 2009 for retirement accounts and he urged members to contact their U S Senators and Representatives about including Premium Conversion in the economic stimulus package being drafted by the President and Congress.

Handley Oswalt was asked to conduct an audit of the past Treasurer's records. His report included years 2006 thru 2008 and stated that all balances were supported by bank statements and check registers. His report is attached to these minutes. He farther recommended that an audit be done each and every year.

Treasurer Myrna Estes reported a balance at the end of December of \$745.11 including funds collected for Alzheimer's.

President Collins gave a membership report summary for year 2008 and month of January. These reports attached to minutes. The January report showed 1 new member who is Jackie Donaldson of Cookeville. She has been sent a letter welcoming her to the chapter.

Sunshine report: the following members were reported being sick Ray Wurm, Connie Banker, and Reba Collins. Bob and Gerry Hagens had a son killed in November.

A collection was made for Alzheimer's fund in amount of \$20.00.

New business

- President Collins shared information about the upcoming State Federation Convention. Members have until next month to indicate their desire to attend as delegates.
- The chapter voted to have our summer picnic at Cane Creek Park on June 13th.

Member Victor Humeniuk talked to the group about volunteering to help with the Veterans Honor Guard.

There were no door prizes to distribute and meeting was adjourned

Reba Collins Chapter Secretary