

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
October 19, 2010

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met October 19, with 14 members and guests present. The members and guests were welcomed. The meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was Joane Kibbons with the Ships N Trips Travel Company.

- President Collins explained the new membership dues and how and when they will take effect. He also encouraged members to renew early and for multiple years to take advantage of old rates.
- He talked about the open seasons for the health insurance, vision and dental insurance plans. Open seasons run from November 8th thru December 13th. For the health insurance overall the rate increase is going to be 7.3 percent. He explained that your individual plan may be more or less.
- He talked about the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), or the lack thereof. The government agency who monitors the inflation rate has reported for the second year in a row that there is no increase in the inflation rate over what it was when the last adjustment was made. Because of that many in Congress is pushing for a one time rate of \$250 for seniors on Social Security similar to what was done last year. This may or may not apply to Federal Retirees. NARFE headquarters has encouraged us to contact Congress to urge inclusion for Federal Retirees.

Treasurer Myrna Estes stated dues received was \$131.76, disbursements \$403.00 and a balance of 1064.14.

Betty Robinson reported that she had called and sent letters to each of the members on the second dues list. President Collins mentioned that second dues notices were sent to Lois Burgess, Dorothy Huddleston, Sue Richardson and Billy Smith, and asked for members help in contacting those to encourage them to renew. The latest membership report showed Jo Britnell was reinstated.

A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$36.

President Collins again talked about the need for chapter officers and how important that is to the future of our chapter.

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary