

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956  
Minutes of Meetings  
August 16, 2011

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met August 16 at Shoney's Restaurant with 14 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was Ruth Dyal Executive Director of Upper Cumberland Tourism Association.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waved and accepted as recorded.

President Collins stated that in the ongoing battle to protect federal workers and retirees from unfair cuts in the budget it is good to note that in the recent deal reached by Congress and the President on the Debt Deal there were no cuts directed at either of our groups. But we need to watch the news for any changes. NARFE Headquarters is giving credit to all those who have sent e-mail and made phone calls using the Protect America's Heartbeat campaign.

President Collins mentioned a new feature for our newsletters is Member Spotlight.

President Collins stated that October is National Chapter Meeting Month. He mentioned that we need to think of what we can do to encourage members to come in October.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of July collections were \$109.52 and a balance of \$1178.00.

Membership Report: There are 2 members this month who were sent a Second Dues Notice, William Benson and Joe Dietz. There are still several others from previous months that still need to renew. Calls and reminders have been made and sent out.

Sunshine Report: Lou Richards is home following her surgery.

Alzheimer's Report; A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$24.

New Business; A discussion was held concerning lunch time meetings. Some members have expressed an interest in lunch time meetings, but the current location (Shoney's) is not available for us to use for a lunch meeting on our scheduled meeting date. For now no changes will be made unless members wish to change the meeting dates or location.

The chapter was in favor of having the Christmas banquet at Hyder-Burke again this year.

The next regular meeting will be September 20.

The meeting was closed.

Reba Collins  
Chapter Secretary