Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956 Minutes of Meetings February 15, 2011

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met February 15 at Shoney's Restaurant with 25 members and guests present. Meeting was opened with an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Collins discussed possible speakers for the next meeting. Those present thought it would be a good idea to start having speakers again beginning next month. Betty Robinson will contact a speaker.

President Collins stated NARFE Leadership under the direction of National President Joe Beaudoin is working hard to develop support among the current Congressional Members of Congress. He recently sent a letter to all 435 Congressmen to congratulate their winning office and to give them information on how many federal employees and retirees live in their districts and urging that we work together to protect our benefits. He also mentioned that NARFE headquarters has set up a new Legislative Alert campaign to respond to our members of congress called Protect Americas Heartbeat which can be accessed through the NARFE website Legislative section.

President Collins led a discussion on the phone calls that were made. Reporting on their calls were Tom Pointer, Roy Byrd, Jim and Laverne Evans, Myrna Estes, Reba Collins, Betty Robinson and Tom Banker.

Audit Report: An Audit by Handley Oswalt showed a balance at the end of 2009 was \$981.28. All balances are supported by bank statements and check registers up through December 31, 2010. Current balance as of December 31, 2010 is \$901.54.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of January; receipts were \$145.35, disbursements \$31.58, obligations \$22 and a balance at the end of the month \$993.31.

Membership Report: Betty Robinson reported second dues notices this month were sent to Charles Kosa, Bobby Lee and Freddie Maxwell. Also notices from December were sent to Ruby Key, Rodney Middleton and Michael Brown.

A gift membership was given to Carl Duke from Ronnie Collins and Tom Banker.

Sunshine Report: A card was sent to Thelma Robbins following the passing of her husband J B Robbins.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$66.50.

President Collins again mentioned that we still have openings for delegates to the State Federation Convention which will be held April.18 and 19.

Reba Collins Chapter Secretary