## Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956 Minutes of Meetings July 19, 2011

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met July 19 at Shoney's Restaurant with 12 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was John Allen, Coordinator of the Upper Cumberland Quilt Festival. He spoke about this fundraiser event held for the Algood Senior Citizens Center.

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

President Collins reported on the ongoing campaign Protect America's Heartbeat and how this is being very effective in helping our cause. He encouraged all members to either call or email Congress and the President.

President Collins mentioned that NARFE President Beaudoin is asking each member to make a special effort on July 27th to make phone calls to both Senators and their Representative. This is being called National Call Congress and President Obama Day.

President Collins mentioned that the June data on the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) shows a decrease in the annual adjustment. It currently stands at 3.26% towards the next adjustment with a few months to report before the finale figures are in.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated due to repairs going on at her house, she did not have a complete report this month. She did report that the bank balance at the beginning of June was \$893.38 and at the end of June \$1068.48.

Membership Report: Betty Robbinson sent letters to 5 members this month who have been sent Second Dues Renewal Notices. She also has contacted some by telephone. Currently we have several members who are late in renewing their dues.

Sunshine Report: Thelma Robbins recently passed away. Lou Richards and Ozzie Oswalt are recovering from recent surgeries.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$19.

Unfinished business None

New business: None

The next regular meeting will be August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was closed.

Reba Collins Chapter Secretary