

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

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met March 15, 2011 at Shoney's Restaurant with 26 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Speakers were local authors Calvin Dickinson and Jennie Ivy. They spoke on Tennessee Civil War History and talked about their latest book.

President Collins stated March is NARFE-PAC Month. He invited everyone to give to this cause which is used to help elect U S Congressmen and Senators who are friendly to NARFE and Federal Employees and Retirees. He also stated that during the 2008-2010 election cycle there were 54,533 contributors who gave over 1.3 million dollars. He stated with the possibility of cuts affecting those like us there needs to be even more contributions in this election cycle. An envelope was passed around for donations to be made at the meeting.

President Collins stated the latest figures for the cost of living adjustment which are for the month of January shows a .5 percent increase. It is expected to rise even more in the following months.

President Collins stated we need to re-establish our Telephone Committee. The recent member survey that was done indicates that many members are not receiving phone calls. He also asked how many would like to receive a text reminder about the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated receipts were \$143.42, disbursements \$26 and a balance of \$1132.73.

Membership Report: Betty Robinson reported several members had renewed after being contacted in previous months. She also contacted several members that were still late in renewing. We had one new member this month, which was Carl Ray Duke.

Sunshine Report: Tom and Loretta Collier are moving to Arizona for health reasons.

The Chapter voted to send a door prize to the Federation Convention.

The Chapter decided to have the picnic in June. We discussed having it the last Saturday in June at Cane Creek Park.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary