

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
May 17, 2011

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met May 17 at Shoney's Restaurant with 24 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was Meghian Moore with the State Health Insurance Assistance Program which is part of the Upper Cumberland Development Council. She spoke on Medicare and Medicaid insurance programs.

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

President Collins reported on what Headquarters is doing in regard to fighting back against all the negative news reporting and the mood in Congress directed toward federal employees and retirees. Most federal employees and retirees would agree that the situation in the federal government means that there is a need for shared sacrifice on the part of our group but we shouldn't be asked to take more than our fair share of cuts. Headquarters needs every NARFE member to use the Protect America's Heartbeat or their telephones to contact members of Congress. He mentioned the website address and telephone number.

President Collins stated the importance of reinstating our telephone committee. A discussion followed.

President Collins stated that news about the State Convention was reported in the newsletter. Most of the officers were reelected for another term but there were two new officers elected; Larry Minniear Vice President of the East Tennessee area and Rhonda Mooney Membership Chairman.

President Collins introduced Matt Bauer who is the Federation District Officer for District 6. This is Representative Diane Black's District.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of April dues collections were \$126.36, disbursements for Alzheimer's funds 88.50 leaving a balance of \$1201.11

Membership Report: New members reported this past month was Anita Lockark and Louis Shambarger who joined, and Jim Clay who transferred from another chapter. This month there were two members who were sent second dues notice. Betty is contacting them requesting that they renew.

Sunshine Report: Roy Luna's wife Mary, Dick Armstrong and Mike Richardson passed away.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$40. The chapter voted to give the collection to Ruth Parks for donating the quilt which was taken to the Federation Convention.

In unfinished business we discussed the upcoming Chapter picnic. Several locations were discussed but there was general agreement that Cane Creek Park would be the best location. We know that the shelter we normally use is not available but another shelter may be available. Clarence Richards will check on this and report to President Collins. The menu will be the same as in years past barbecue pork, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad and ice tea.

The next regular meeting will be July 19th.

Meeting was closed.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary