## Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956 Minutes of Meetings August 21, 2012

The Cookeville chapter of NARFE met August 21 at Shoney's Restaurant with 17 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was Rob Riddle with the Southern Securities of America Company.

President Collins stated he still has a few copies of the report on what NARFE is doing in regards to Legislation and the Postal Service. This information may help those working for the Postal Service to join NARFE.

President Collins stated NARFE national office has redesigned its website. For those of you who use computers check it out. You can find a lot of good information there. Remember that you need to log in as a member to see most of what is there.

President Collins stated as a follow up on the article in the newsletter about the CPI the July numbers are in. There was a slight decrease in consumer prices in July. This leaves a net change since October of last year of 1.14 percent. There are 2 more months in this reporting year in which any possible cost of living adjustment could be made.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of July collections from dues and picnic were \$288.85, disbursements \$359.62 and a balance of \$1517.85.

Membership Report: This month's membership report shows one new member Shirley Cherry of Moss TN. Second dues notices were sent to Olga Szalay and Roy Luna. Members dropped for non-renewal were Rodney Middleton, Edward Savage and Ray Duke.

President Collins stated membership sadly is continuing to decline. We need to do all we can to retain existing members and find new members.

Alzheimer's Report: a collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$26.

New business: President Collins asked if members want to plan a Christmas luncheon for our December meeting this year. There was a discussion about this and most everyone was in favor of planning for this.

President Collins stated the National Convention is August 26 thru 30 in Reno Nevada.

Announcements: Our next meeting will be September 18, 2012.

Meeting adjourned.

Reba Collins Chapter Secretary