

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

The Cookeville chapter of NARFE met February 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 Speakers for this month were Steve Brown and Vinny Faccinto with The Crest Lawn Funeral Home.

President Collins stated National Call Congress Day was Wednesday February 15th. Headquarters reported over 7500 calls on that day. He thanked all who took the time to call their elected representatives. He stated those of you with computers remember to check from time to time on the National website. They update the section Protect America's Heartbeat and the Legislative Action Center with new messages that you can send to Congress. He stated phone calls and e-mail's are always an important way to voice your concerns to Congress.

President Collins stated some of you may be aware that Congress was looking to make cuts to Federal Employees to pay for the extension of the unemployment benefits for those out of work. He said the latest news is that federal employees who are currently working will not be affected. But those who are future hired into the federal workforce will have to pay a higher percentage into FERS for retirement benefits. The increase will be from 0.8 percent to 2.3 percent.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated collections from dues were \$138.68, there were no disbursements and a balance of \$1231.93.

Audit Report: An Audit for calendar year 2011 done by Handley Oswalt showed a balance at the end of 2010 was \$901.54. All balances are supported by bank statements and check registers up through December 31, 2011. Current balance as of December 31, 2011 is \$1100.25. A copy of the report is attached.

Membership Report: This month's membership report shows 3 new members: Elaine Duewer, Larry Hackett and Geary Hayes. Waymon Roberts was dropped for non-renewal. Three members who were sent a second dues notice are: Delois Boone, Billye Grogan and Herbert Yott. Those we are still waiting on to renew from previous months are: Curtis Rust, and Gloria Merritt.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$33. A silent auction is planned to be held at the State Convention to raise funds for Alzheimer's with each chapter bringing items to auction.

New Business: President Collins asked if anyone would be willing to serve on a Nominating Committee or Social Committee. No one at this meeting was willing to volunteer.

President Collins stated the delegates planning on attending the State Federation Convention are Phyllis Huff, Ronnie and Reba Collins. He said we are allowed up to 6 delegates.

The chapter voted to approve a \$25 gift card to be used as a door prize at the State Federation Convention.

Meeting was adjourned.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary

Audit Report for NARFE Chapter 1956 for 2011

Audit starts with balance of \$901.54 as the last entry of calendar year 2010.

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Current balance as of December 31, 2011 is \$1,100.25.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Handley C. Oswalt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Handley C. Oswalt
February 4, 2012