

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
March 20, 2012

The Cookeville chapter of NARFE met March 20 at Shoney's Restaurant with 16 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was Nancy Rich owner of Blooming Idiots Day Lily Farm and a Master Gardener. She spoke on spring gardening.

President Collins stated NARFE National President is reporting that last week NARFE and the Federal Postal Coalition were able to defeat an amendment to a transportation bill that would have extended the pay freeze on federal employees for an additional year.

President Collins stated while most of the news regarding cuts in federal spending has targeted current and future federal employees, NARFE is warning us that cuts to federal retirees are coming next. He said to stay alert to anything that the White House and Congress may propose to do

President Collins stated March is NARFE-PAC month. He said your voluntary contributions to this fund allow NARFE to support congressional candidates that are supportive of NARFE's programs and legislation. Donations can be of any amount but NARFE will recognize donations of certain amounts with pins which were described in the newsletter. The levels are \$20, \$50 and \$100. Make your checks out to NARFE-PAC. He said to remember that this is an election year and the candidates come to NARFE and seek donations to their campaigns. NARFE has a strict set of guidelines which is outlined in the March magazine as to which candidates receive PAC money. An envelope was passed around for those in attendance to donate.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes was absent so there was no financial report at the meeting.

Membership Report: This month's membership report shows 7 members renewed. The following members were dropped for non-renewal: Curtis Rust and Becky Stefanescu. Waymon Roberts who was dropped last month has been re-instated. Those we are still waiting on to renew are: Gloria Merritt, Herbert Yott and Delois Boone.

Sunshine Report: Daniel Hilton is recovering from surgery.

Alzheimer's Report: Some members donated to Alzheimer's in the amount of \$7.

New Business: President Collins discussed the proposed Convention Resolutions and Bylaw changes which have been submitted and asked members their opinions about them.

Meeting was adjourned.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary