

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956  
Minutes of Meetings  
October 16, 2012

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

The speaker was Judy Duke with Cookeville Leisure Services.

President Collins stated NARFE President Joe Beaudoin is asking all members to use the Legislative Action Alert letter on NARFE's Protect America's Heartbeat website to send a message to our Congressional delegation. The new message has to do with what is called the Fiscal Cliff that will occur at the end of this year if Congress does not make changes. NARFE's message is that federal workers and retirees should not be scapegoats and bear an overdue burden in any cuts to federal spending.

President Collins stated November 15<sup>th</sup> is National Call Congress Day. The national office wants us to call Congress after the elections and talk to them about the issues affecting us: fiscal cliff, postal overhaul, expiring tax provisions, Medicare reimbursement to providers and the sequestration cuts.

President Collins stated the final Consumer Price Index numbers were posted today which determine our COLA for next year. For the last month of the reporting cycle-September it was reported that consumer prices went up .5% and the end year figures are 1.66 percent higher than last year's index. This means that the annual Cola for federal annuities and Social Security checks will increase by **1.7%** in January.

President Collins led a discussion the Federal Health Benefits Insurance rates for next year. The new rates have just recently been posted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of September collections from dues were \$76.76 and an ending balance of \$1715.42.

Membership Report: This months membership report shows there were 2 members sent a second dues notice-Dorothy Huddleston and Pat Tatum. Member Olga Szalay was dropped. No new members this month to report. We did have 7 members renew this past month.

Sunshine Report: Jack Williams passed away this month on October 5th.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$29.

- New business; A discussion was held about a new meeting location but no decisions were made.
- Members decided to not have gifts at the Christmas Banquet but collect for a needy family.

The next meeting will be November 20, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned.

Reba Collins  
Chapter Secretary