

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
September 18, 2012

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met September 18 at Shoney's Restaurant with 25 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was Elaine Smith with the Better Business Bureau. She spoke on scams against seniors.

President Collins stated Congress is expected to complete and pass a stopgap spending bill to keep the federal government funded for the next 6 months and the President is expected to sign it. Otherwise at the end of September the government runs out of funding. Included in this bill is a continuation of the pay freeze for current federal workers. President Collins stated he thinks it has been years since the normal appropriation bills have been passed and signed by any Congress or President.

President Collins stated the 2012 campaign season is in full swing now and the major party conventions are over. Remember in Tennessee this year we must vote on a President, a US Senator and a US Representative. He encouraged everyone to vote. If you aren't registered you have until October 8th. Early voting is from October 17th thru November 1st and Election Day is November 6th this year.

President Collins stated The August Consumer Price figures came out last week and shows an increase in cost of products and services. Right now the amount of our Cost of Living Adjustment for next year stands at 1.38 percent. There is still one more month to report before we know for sure what it will be. The final report will come out October 16th.

Members were again encouraged to take advantage of the NARFE Dues Withholding method of keeping their dues current.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of August collections from dues were \$145.94, Disbursements \$25.13, and a balance of \$1638.66.

Membership Report: This month's membership report shows there weren't any new members this month. The following members were dropped for non-renewal: Sue Haskins, Rural Peace and Madison Shambarger. Each one was called and sent a letter encouraging them to renew. Rural Peace was present at the meeting and brought his renewal check.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$37.

Sunshine Report: Joan had not heard of any cases of sickness or death to members. Another member reported that Larry Duewer is having some health issues.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: President Collins reported that he had visited Christy's Café and talked to the manager there about using that location for our December luncheon meeting. The restaurant has a nice private meeting room, is conveniently located and is willing to serve a similar holiday menu like we are accustomed to for a price of \$12 per person. After consulting with the other officers, he reserved this restaurant for this meeting. Several members commented that they liked Christy's and it was a good place to eat. The date of our December meeting is Saturday Dec. 8th.

The next regular meeting will be October 16th.

Meeting adjourned.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary