

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
February 19, 2013

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met February 19 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 Dr Summer Weary with the Cookeville Foot Center.

President Collins stated the US House passed another bill to extend the federal pay freeze for a third year. The Senate has not taken up this bill yet. NARFE lobbied against the bill. The existing freeze is set to expire on March 27th and federal employees are to get a .5 percent pay increase for the remainder of the year if the pay freeze is not extended. Many in Congress are being wrongly influenced by the Congressional Budget Office report that federal employees are paid 16 percent more than the private sector.

President Collins stated Congress is in recess this week because of the Presidents Day holiday. NARFE is urging all its members to try to meet with their members of Congress.

President Collins stated the Postal Service has announced that it intends to stop Saturday mail delivery and cut back the operating hours of many post offices as a way to cut costs.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated the January report shows dues received were \$186.68, disbursements \$450.00 and a balance of \$1,200.42. There was an audit made by Ozzie.

Membership Report: This months membership report shows Kathy Hilton and Bobby Lee were sent second dues notices. Those from previous months who still need to renew are: Larry Hackett, Geary Hayes, Nancy Humeniuk and Larry Presnall. Dale Crossman and Elaine Duewer were dropped. We had 5 members renew this past month including Brenda Boyington, Jerry Brown James Clay and Jerry Flowers that letters were sent to.

Sunshine Report: a card was sent to A C Clark who has recently been in the hospital.

Alzheimer's report: The chapter voted to send the \$35 collected for Alzheimer's this month to Ruth Parks to help with her expenses for making a quilt which will be raffled off at the Convention for Alzheimer's.

Unfinished Business: President Collins stated this is the last call for anyone desiring to attend the Federation Convention as a delegate.

New Business: The chapter voted to approve a \$25 gift card to be used as a door prize at the Federation Convention. A discussion was held about possibly lowering the chapter dues in the future. Members were asked to consider this.

The next regular meeting will be March 19, 2013

Meeting was adjourned.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary