

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
May 21, 2013

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met May 21 at Shoney's Restaurant with 15 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Myrna Estes spoke to us about the Highlands Visitor Center she works at. Our scheduled speaker didn't show up.

President Collins stated he included a report on the convention in the newsletter. He stated the state federation officers elected were: Larry Henderson-president, the Vice Presidents are; Larry Minniear-for east TN, Tom Duncan for Middle TN and Rhonda Mooney for West TN. The other officers are the Secretary, Treasurer, Legislative Chairman and Membership Chairman. Since then Tom Duncan has passed away. He had been very sick for about 2 years. Other details of the convention including pictures can be found on the Federation website. Fellow chapter member. Larry Harkleroad also attended the convention and gave us his comments and a report of the convention.

President Collins stated cuts in government spending as a result of the Sequester have been affecting many in the federal workforce. It is his belief that this is more about making a show than a real need. The spending cuts mandated were only a very small percentage. But several government agencies have announced large numbers of federal employees will have temporary furloughs. The Pentagon just announced 11 furlough days for 680,000 defense workers. We who have worked in the federal government find it very hard to believe that the cuts could not have been accomplished by other means.

President Collins stated I want to restate something from the newsletter. Many of us have called, written or e-mailed our US Senators or US Representatives in response to requests by NARFE National Office. We all get canned responses as a result. But that is ok. Each time our members of Congress get contacted about an issue, they record that and compile the comments which can many times affect how out elected officials vote on an issue. So keep it up and do even more.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated dues received were \$120.44 and a balance of \$1312.78.

Membership Report: This months membership report shows Rebecca Stefanescu and Anita Lockart were sent second dues notices. Nancy Humeniuk and Bobby Lee were dropped. Larry Hackett, Geary Hayes and Jim Boyington were past due but have now renewed.

Sunshine Report: Clarence Richards and Addine Dow passed away. Frank Massa has a form of skin cancer.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$28.

New Business: The picnic was discussed and these details were agreed to. It will be at Cane Creek Park on Saturday, June 22nd at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The food will come from Whitts BBQ again. The menu will be BBQ pork, baked beans, slaw, potato salad, buns, and tea. Everyone who wants to can bring a desert. Myrna and Ozzie volunteered to make some phone calls to members about attending the picnic.

Announcements: No meeting next month. The next regular meeting will be July 16, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary