

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

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met November 19 at Shoney's Restaurant with 17 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Speaker was Lyndon Smith with the Senior Carolina Fire Advisory Company.

President Collins stated you may recall that when we met last month the federal government was still shutdown. That ended with somewhat of an agreement between the 2 parts of Congress and the President. As part of the agreement to end the shutdown and to raise the debt limit there was a Budget Conference Committee set up to determine future spending cuts and other measures. That committee is currently holding meetings and has until December 13 to agree on steps going forward. Then the full Congress has until January 15 to vote on the agreement or face another shutdown. This committee is made up of Representatives and Senators, one of whom is our Representative Diane Black. Our Federation President and Legislative Chairman have requested a meeting with her or her District Director to discuss NARFE's concerns.

President Collins stated remember to do your part and contact Representative Black to remind her and the committee that federal employees have been cut enough. NARFE has on its Legislative Action Center online a preprinted message you can send to say "Enough is Enough"

President Collins stated NARFE continues to oppose the move to the Chained CPI under consideration by Congress. At a recent rally outside the White House NARFE headquarters staff was joined by its coalition partners including the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, AARP, and the National Organization for Women.

President Collins stated remember Open Season runs to December 9. If you want you can switch health insurance plans or enroll or drop dental and vision insurance. I still have the 2014 health insurance rates and I also received some plan information from The GEHA Health Insurance Plan. Information is available on the OPM.gov website or by calling 888-767-6738. If you want to make a change in FEHB call 800-332-9798. There are other websites and phone numbers for the vision and dental insurance information.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated dues received were \$44, disbursements \$13 and a balance of \$1677.43.

Membership Report: This month's membership report shows Frank Massa, Mary Wood and Owene Ford were sent second dues notices.

In conjunction with the FED's in Crisis campaign NARFE is offering a free 6 month membership for current federal employees. You can use a special form for this. James Chadwell and Alan Galloway have signed up already.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$21.

New business: The Christmas Luncheon is set for December 7<sup>th</sup> at Sweet T's. Anyone wishing to sign up may do so tonight.

Announcements: The next regular meeting will be January 21, 2014

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Chapter Secretary