

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956  
Minutes of Meetings  
October 15, 2013

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met October 15 at Shoney's Restaurant with 20 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Speaker was David Cox with Larco Medical Inc.

President Collins discussed the fact that the federal government is still shutdown due to the fact that Congress has not passed any funding bills for this fiscal year. Also the debt limit is said to be reached on Thursday of this week. Many federal workers have been furloughed and many are working without pay. But a bill has been passed to pay all retroactively.

President Collins related to those in attendance that our national office was disappointed in the number of members who made calls opposing the proposed move to the Chained CPI during the Call Congress Week last month. We as an association have to be more responsive if we are to have any success influencing our lawmakers. Members were reminded calls were still needed and the phone number was given out.

President Collins stated our national office delivered \$113,000 in coupons sent in by members to Congress at a Washington DC press conference. This was a very effective event to show our opposition the change in the COLA calculation.

President Collins stated the scheduled release of the October report on the Cost of Living Index has been delayed since the government is shutdown. News reports that I have heard are saying that the next cost of living adjustment for retirees will be on the order of 1.5 percent. This is less than the 1.7 percent we got last January.

President Collins had information on the 2014 Health Insurance rates and shared them with the members in attendance. Most plans have modest increases for next year.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated dues received were \$54.92 and a balance of \$1689.63.

Membership Report: This month's membership report shows 3 members renewed this past month. Bill Benson and Lou Richards were dropped.

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

New Business: The Christmas luncheon has been set for December 7<sup>th</sup> at Christy's Café. The menu and the price has not been worked out as of yet but expected to be very much like it was last Members began signing up tonight.

Announcements: The next regular meeting will be November 19, 2013. Program will be, The lighter side of fire safety.

Meeting was adjourned.

Reba Collins  
Chapter Secretary