

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956  
Minutes of Meetings  
April 15, 2014

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met April 15 with 13 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Speaker was Lisa Morris with Cookeville Regional Medical Center Cancer Center.

President Collins stated next week is the TN NARFE Federation Convention and the National Convention is August 24-28 in Orlando FL. If anyone would like to attend as a Delegate for our chapter we need to know by June. This will be a very important convention since there will be much discussion on the future of NARFE. Some of the proposed changes can be put in place by the board but most will require approval by the delegates at this year's convention and then at the 2016 Convention.

He mentioned some changes last month, other proposed changes are: Open membership to everyone that supports NARFE's mission not just those eligible to a government annuity. Only those eligible for an annuity would be voting members as it is now. It is proposed that the governing structure be changed to an Executive Director who has business experience and is familiar with member based organizations to run NARFE. As it has been the National Officers have always been NARFE members and have come from a government background not necessary a business background. The new Chief Operating Officer would come from outside NARFE and would be responsible for the management of the organization.

He urged everyone to read the articles as they appear in the monthly magazines.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the March report dues received were \$44, disbursements \$175 and a balance of \$1354.07. A financial audit for 2013 was done by Handley Oswalt. His report is attached.

Membership Report: Larry Harkleroad reported that he has contacted or attempted to contact those who have been sent Second Dues Notices. Some have responded and have renewed. One person, Waymon Roberts said he mailed in a check, but he is still listed as non-renewed. He will follow up on that.

Legislative Report: Dan Hilton is attending Representative Diane Black's Town Hall meeting here in Cookeville tonight. Dan had a report that he was to give tonight but the meeting with Rep. Diane Black prevented him from being at this meeting. His report is attached.

Alzheimer's Report: The collections from the last 2 meetings and tonight's meeting will be used to fund the handmade quilt which will be taken to the state convention and raffled off for Alzheimer's Research.

President Collins stated there is updated information on the Protect America's Heartbeat on the website. He listed the main topics in this month's newsletter but urged the members to go online and read the many topics as there are too many to list.

The next regular meeting will be May 20, 2014.

Meeting was adjourned.

Reba Collins  
Chapter Secretary