

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

The Cookeville chapter of NARFE met July 15 at Shoney's Restaurant with 17 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was Tammy Depperschmidt, Executive Director of Mustard Seed Ranch.

In the President's report, Collins noted that he had contacted a NARFE member from another chapter who is going to the National Convention and he has agreed to serve as our proxy.

The following proposed resolutions were explained and discussed during this meeting:

- Developing the Vision for Future of NARFE, members approved
- NARFE Uniform Dues Structure, members disapproved
- Membership Retention-Five Year Membership for the Cost of Four Years, members disapproved
- Reduce National Officers to Two, members approved

Collins went over the list of candidates running for National Office and asked those present to read their statements and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Myrna Estes gave her report of the month of June: Dues received \$186.52, no disbursements for the month. Balance on hand \$1801.71 with \$31 due to be sent to the Alzheimer's fund.

Membership Report: Larry Harkleroad reported that he had contacted the 3 members who were sent a Second Dues Notice. Only 1 member is saying that they will not renew.

Legislative Report: Dan Hilton reported that the Field Rep. for Congressman Diane Black will be our speaker for the next meeting. Dan reported on current NARFE supported legislation and asked members to use the online method that NARFE provides to inform Congress of our concerns.

Sunshine Report: None given

A collection was taken for Alzheimer's research.

Unfinished business: None

New business: Those present at wanted to make a donation to the Mustard Seed Ranch. President Collins commented that by NARFE guidelines, we are not permitted to use chapter funds for anything other than NARFE business. In response to this, members asked if we could take up a collection similar to the way we do for the Alzheimer's fund at the next 2 meetings. It was agreed that we do so.

Meeting closed.

Submitted by:  
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Chapter Secretary