

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
June 17, 2014

The Cookeville chapter of NARFE met June 17 with 21 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Speakers were Patty Ray, Holly Williams and Lanelle Godsey with Upper Cumberland Development District Office on Aging.

President Collins asked if anyone will attend the National Convention as a delegate from our chapter. He stated we must designate that person this month. The dates of the convention in Orlando, Florida are August 24 thru 28. No one indicated an interest in going, there was a discussion about the chapter paying a portion of the expenses so that President Collins to attend. But he did not want to pay the remainder of the expenses. President Collins will attempt to contact a NARFE member from another chapter who is going to serve as a proxy for our chapter.

President Collins stated those who were here last month may recall that I mentioned there was a lot of membership concerned about much of the proposed changes recommended by the Future of NARFE Committee. As a result of that the board has decided to delay some of these actions. These changes were sent out by email to those who are signed up to get the e-mails from the National Office. Changes include the delay the reduction of the number of Regional Vice Presidents and, withdraw the proposed bylaws amendment to end mandatory chapter membership.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated dues received were \$120.60 and a balance of \$1615.19.

Membership Report by Larry Harkleroad: This month's membership report shows one member was sent a Second Dues Notice – Charles Ervin. Larry contacted him to request a renewal. One member switched to Dues Withholding. And 1 of the 2 members who signed up at the end of last year for the free 6 month membership offer has paid for a renewal.

Legislative Report by Dan Hilton: Dan reported on his attempt to get Representative Black to meet with us for a special meeting in August. She declined to me with us but instead will have her Field Rep. in the Cookeville Office to meet with us. That will take place at our regular meeting night on August 19.

Sunshine Report by Connie Banker: Connie learned that Larry Charron was scheduled to have surgery, a card was sent to him.

Alzheimer's: A collection was taken in the amount of \$23.59.

The next regular meeting will be July 15, 2014. The program for that meeting will be the director of the Mustard Seed Ranch.

Meeting was adjourned.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary