

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956  
Minutes of Meetings  
October 21, 2014

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met October 21, at Shoney's Restaurant with 16 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Speaker was Brenda Davis-Bryant with Cookeville Regional Medical Center. She spoke on heart attacks have beginnings.

President Collins stated tomorrow the September Consumer Price Index numbers are to be released which will determine if we are to receive a Cost of Living Adjustment in January. Based on the latest report that has been published, inflation is up just about 1.61 percent but that will change with the finale report to come out.

President Collins stated it is time to think about the health insurance Open Season. This year it will start November 10 and go to December 8. OPM has reported that the overall average premiums for the Federal Health plans will rise 3.2 percent next year. The new rates are in the November magazine. Medicare has announced that the premium for Part B will stay the same as it has been the last 2 years.

President Collins stated the new NARFE National Officers will take over on November 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be more news come out of our National Office on the future of NARFE.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated dues received were \$76.92 and a balance of \$1792.36.

Membership Report: Larry Harkleroad reported that there was only one member that was sent a Second Dues Notice this past month, he has been contacted and he said that he has renewed. One member was dropped.

President Collins added that one resolution passed at the convention states that eNARFE membership should be listed last as an option in future membership applications and for that option an e-mail address is strongly recommended.

Legislative Report: Dan Hilton passed out handouts that he copied from the October NARFE magazine which outlines the NARFE supported legislation and showing how Tennessee legislators voted on NARFE issues. He noted that our Congressman, Diane Black has an 11 percent voting record based on NARFE legislation. A discussion was held about supporting the candidates that support NARFE legislation.

Sunshine Report: There were no members known to be sick or have deaths in the family.

Alzheimer's Report: a collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$22.

New Business: Discussed whether or not to have the usual December Christmas Luncheon. The date and location of December 6 at Sweet Ts Restaurant was mentioned and it was agreed that we have this and take up a collection for a needy family.

Held the nomination for chapter officers for next year: Current President Ronnie Collins asked if anyone would agree to accept officer positions. The current officers agreed to another term. A motion was made by Hanley Ozwalt, and seconded by Dan Hilton to place in nomination the follow slate of officers; President-Ronnie Collins, Vice-President-Larry Harkleroad, Secretary-Reba Collins and Treasurer-Myrna Estes

The next regular meeting will be November 18. Program will be about the local animal shelter.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by  
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Chapter Secretary