## Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956 Minutes of Meetings January 20, 2015

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met January 20 at Shoney's Restaurant with 14 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Speaker was Ronald Thurman Chancellor, Tennessee Thirteenth Judicial District.

President Collins asked that those in attendance write down their suggestions for future speakers.

President Collins spoke about the upcoming Federation Convention and had forms available to those interesting in attending. He talked about the early registration incentive and the cost to attend, which are \$25 to \$50 this year.

President Collins reported the latest data for the Consumer Price Index. There was a drop in this month's report mostly due to the decrease in gasoline costs.

President Collins reminded those of you who use the NARFE form "Be Prepared for Life's Events", the first of the year is a good time to update that. Copies were made available for anyone who would like one.

Treasurer's Report: Myrna Estes stated for the month of December, dues received were \$21.84, Disbursements \$19.49 and a balance of \$1711.71.

Membership Report: Larry Harkleroad reported that he had contacted 4 members who were sent Second Dues Notices. All either have sent in or promised to send in their renewal,

Legislative Report: Dan Hilton reported on several items including a bill introduced to give federal employees a 3.8% pay raise, the NARFE Legislative training to be held in Virginia, and the progress in the OPM backlog of claims processing. President Collins made available handouts on NARFE's legislative accomplishments during the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Alzheimer's report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$24.

Sunshine Report: Ozzie had back surgery, Jim Evans is still recovering, Liz Bryant has a broken shoulder.

Old business: President Collins asked for comments on last month's Christmas Luncheon location.

New business: Discussed appointing delegates to the Federation Convention. Those indicating a wiliness to attend were Ronnie Collins, Reba Collins, Larry Harkleroad. A motion was made by Dan Hilton, seconded by Roy Byrd to approved these 3. Motion was approved

Announcements: The next meeting will be February 17, 2015. The speaker will be historian and author Calvin Dickenson

Submitted by: Reba Collins Chapter Secretary