

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
September 15, 2015

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met September 15th at Shoney's Restaurant with 12 members and guests present. Meeting was moderated by Vice President Larry Harkleroad and was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was Dr. Donald Grisham of the Upper Cumberland Regional Health Department.

Vice President Harkleroad mentioned the new Membership Drive being offered by the national office. This runs from September 1 – December 31, 2015.

Vice President Harkleroad spoke about the upcoming hike in Medicare Part B rates and how that could impact members and about the NARFE supported bill to protect NARFE members from the rate hike like those who received Social Security benefits.

Other items mentioned by Vice President Harkleroad include:

- President Obama's plan for a federal employee 1.3 percent pay raise in 2016.
- Effects of the ongoing Sequestration on federal agencies.
- The Uberizing of the government workforce.
- The OPM selection of a contractor hired to provide protection services for the 21.5 million people affected by the background investigation data breach.
- Congress is back in session after the August break.
- The Employee Thrift Advisory Council has sent a letter to congressional leaders asking that changes to the Thrift Savings Plan not be included in any budget deals. NARFE is a member of this Council.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes reported for the month of August, dues received were \$120.60, \$30 for Alzheimer's Disbursements was \$67 for Alzheimer's for the months of July and August. Leaving a balance of \$2340.34

Membership Report: Larry Harkleroad reported there were no Second Dues Notices or members dropped this past month. We did have a member death; he was Charles Edward Savage of Celina.

Legislative Report: Dan Hilton gave a report and commented on the latest legislative news as mentioned above.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$16.

Old business: Vice President Harkleroad reminded everyone about the need for chapter officers. There was no further discussion on the December meeting.

Vice President Harkleroad mentioned and made available copies of senior discounts for anyone who was interested.

Announcements: The next meeting will be October 20, 2015. Program will be Clare Farless, Family Caregiver Manager for the Upper Cumberland Development District.

Submitted by:
Myrna Estes, substituting for the
Chapter Secretary