

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
August 16, 2016

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met August 16 at Shoney's Restaurant with 9 members and 2 guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Speakers were Jennifer Riddick and Beth Crace with the Putnam County YMCA.

President Collins reported on the Federal Long Term Care Insurance premiums increase. NARFE President Richard Thissen has sent letters to House and Senate committee members requesting hearings on this matter. The last time that these premiums were changed back in 2009 they rose by 25 percent. This time they are set to rise 83 percent on average and as much as 126 percent. In the letters going out to policy holders there are options to choose from to lower coverage and keep premium increases lower. The new rates go into effect November 1st of this year and those who have the insurance have until September 30 to decide which options they want. NARFE has set up a page on its website to keep members updated on the latest news.

President Collins stated after 4 months of slight increases the August report (month of July) showed a slight decrease of 0.22 percent in the CPI. That makes the index for the year so far 0.23 percent towards a COLA in January 2017.

The National NARFE convention will take place this month, August 28 to September 1. We have no one going or serving as a proxy from our chapter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of July Dues received were \$59.80, disbursements \$158.80 and a balance of \$2189.14.

Membership Report: Five members renewed. No second dues notices were sent this month. James Clay and Pat Tatum still have not renewed.

President Collins stated don't forget about the Federation Membership Incentive .From now to the end of the year receive \$10 per new member.

Legislative Report: Dan Hilton urged members to contact Congress in support of the hearings calling for on the Long Term Care insurance increases, and some staff changes in the NARFE Legislative Department.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$18.

The next regular meeting will be September 20, 2016.

Submitted by:
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