

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
November 15, 2016

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met November 15, 2016, at Shoney's Restaurant with 10 members present, 0 guests. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

There was no program or speaker for this meeting.

President Collins reported on these items:

-) Optional Chapter Membership changes and updates are still in the works. The national office is planning on adding a reference to Chapter Membership on the current online Form and the printed Membership Brochure.
-) The Health Insurance Open Season is now underway, it will continue until December 12th. Now is the time to learn about various plans and make any desired changes.
-) The COLA of .3 percent will be applied to the January checks. Medicare Part B rates for those on SS will rise from \$104.90 to \$109.00 and for those not on SS from \$121.80 to 134.00. These rates are for those whose income is under \$84,000 per year.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of September dues received were \$30, disbursements of \$84 for the chapter website and a balance of \$2294.98.

Membership Report: Latest membership report shows 4 member renewed. 1 member sent a Second Dues Notice.

Legislative Report: This report was given by President Collins in the absence of Dan Hilton:

-) The elections are now over. The new Congress will take office in early January, and the new President will take office on January 20th.
-) NARFE urges all its members to contact Members of Congress about the need to protect those not on SS from higher premium rates for Medicare Insurance.
-) NARFE Legislative goal remains the same: Urge Congress to pass legislation that helps federal employees and retirees and oppose legislation which harms us.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$27.

Sunshine Report: none

New business:

There was some discussion about the possibility of holding lunch time meetings. This was tried in years past as we understand and it did not make much difference. It can be looked into again and see if that is something that might be helpful and workable.

Discussed that there will not be a meeting in December.

Announcements: The next regular meeting will be January 17, 2017.

Submitted by:
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Chapter Secretary