

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
October 18, 2016

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met October 18, at Shoney's Restaurant with 10 members present, 0 guests. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

In absence of a speaker Ronnie read a letter from Chuck MacKenzie telling about his life at a retirement home where he now lives.

President Collins mentioned the Optional Chapter Membership that was passed by delegates at the 2016 National Convention. It remains to be seen just how this is going to impact local chapters. He did show that there was a updated online Membership Form that had no mention of Chapter membership.

President Collins stated he has rates for Health Insurance Open Season. Of course they are going up again. We still have the option that was made available last year to choose the Self Plus One plan rather than Self and Family plan. Open Season this year is November 14 thru December 12.

President Collins reported on the finale monthly Consumer Price Index update which was released today. The September report showed an increase of 0.25 percent and that will result in a COLA of 0.3 percent in January.

President Collins said that no speaker was lined up due to low attendance at our meetings. He reported on the member attendance of all the meetings this year. There was discussion about possibly not having a regular meeting each month.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of September dues received were \$60 and a balance of \$2348.98.

Membership Report: Latest membership report shows one member renewed. Rural Peace was dropped for non-renewal. Tom Pointer plans to renew.

Legislative Report: Dan Hilton reported on some of what was in the latest NARFE magazine: Congressional voting records on NARFE supported bills, and questionnaire for President Candidates. Congress has scheduled hearings on the Long Term Care Premiums, but those hearing would not be till after the election. He urged members to contact Congress to address the Medicare rate hike for those not held harmless.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$14.

Sunshine Report: none

New business: none

Announcements: The next regular meeting will be November 15, 2016

Submitted by:
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