Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956 Minutes of Meetings January 17, 2017

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met January 17 at Shoney's Restaurant with 6 members and 0 guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

No speaker was scheduled this month.

President Collins stated the elections are over. We have a new President and some new members of Congress. The 115th Congress is now in session. NARFE national legislative department is working on our behalf.

President Collins stated you should have seen the small COLA increase on your annuity checks by now. But with the increase in health insurance you did not gain anything. We will now watch to see what the Consumer Price Index does this year.

President Collins stated the Federation Convention will be April 17 thru 18 at the Nashville Airport Hilton Hotel and asked those considering attending to let him know so that the required forms can be completed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of December dues received were \$99.88, disbursements \$235 and a balance of \$1932.86.

Membership Report: Latest membership report shows four people renewed. One second dues notice was sent this past month to Larry Spivey.

Two membership incentives did help the federation and national to gain several new members.

Legislative Report: President Trump has called for a federal hiring freeze. NARFE is urging him to reconsider that saying it could hamper agency missions. Contact Congress with concerns about pending legislation that you may have.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: President Collins wanted to discuss the chapter purchasing an Ad in the upcoming Federation Convention Program Book. But we did not have a quorum of members to conduct a vote. This will be brought up at a later meeting.

Announcements: The next regular meeting will be February 21.

Submitted by: Reba Collins Chapter Secretary