

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
January 19, 2010

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met at Shoney's Restaurant January 19 with 16 members and guests present. Members were welcomed and guests recognized. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Speakers were Melahn Finley and Jill Bolling from the Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

President's report: President Collins asked for suggestions for speakers for this year. He stated we need to focus on new members and member retention. President Collins also stated we need more people to fill positions of Programs, Legislation and Telephone callers.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer report for the month of December included collections of \$460.92, disbursements \$412.34, and a balance of \$981.28.

Legislative Report: President Collins stated a tentative agreement was reached on January 14 between Congressional leaders, Labor unions and President Obama regarding a provision in the Senate passed health care reform bill that would assess a nondeductible 40 percent excise tax on insurance carriers offering so called high value health insurance policies. The plans covering federal workers and annuitants would be subject to the tax starting in 2013.

President Collins asked how many people were affected by the Medicare Part B premiums which increased from \$96.40 to \$110.50 this month for those not covered by Social Security. No one present indicated that they were affected by it.

Membership Report: Betty Roberson is now helping with membership duties and she reported on contacts she made this past month. The monthly activity report showed we gained one new member Charles Kosa who was welcomed at the meeting. It also showed no members were sent a Second Dues notice and no members were dropped due to non renewal.

Sunshine Report: Larry Duewer is recovering from knee surgery. Myrna Estes is recovering from pneumonia.

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

The NARFE State Federation Convention will be April 19 and 20 in Sevierville, TN. Delegates are being sought to represent our chapter.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary