

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
November 16, 2010

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met on November 16, 2010 with 8 members and guests present. The members and guests were welcomed. The meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was Marie Ferran, an attorney with the Upper Cumberland Development District who spoke about changes to Medicare and also about Advanced Directives (Living Wills and Power of Attorneys).

President Collins reminded us that Open Season is in progress for those who want to make changes to their medical insurance or vision and dental insurance.

He also informed us about President Obama's Debt Commission Report which calls for many changes that will affect federal employees and retirees; such as, freeze federal salaries for 3 years, cut the federal workforce by 10 percent, change the annuitant calculation from the High 3 years to High 5 years, force federal retirees to pay a higher share of the health insurance premiums, make changes to the COLA and changes to Social Security benefits.

He discussed the plans for the Christmas Banquet and those in attendance decided to take up a collection for a needy family but not to exchange gifts this year.

Treasurer Myrna Estes gave a Financial Report and stated dues received were \$55 and a balance of \$1119.14.

Betty Robinson gave a Membership Report, she reported that 1 member was sent a Second Dues Notice, we gained 4 new members this month and we had 1 member that was dropped for non-renewal. She was phoning and sending letters to those who are behind in renewing.

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

Discussions and nominations for Chapter officers were held and a vote was taken. Elected by acclamation were: Ronnie Collins President, Betty Robinson Vice President, Myrna Estes Treasurer and Reba Collins Secretary.

A discussion was held about changing the chapter dues from \$11 to \$10 but no decision was made. Those in attendance wanted to wait until we had more members present at a future meeting.

Being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary