

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
June 19, 2012

The Cookeville chapter of NARFE met June 19 at Shoney's Restaurant with 13 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was Mary Daniels with the Putnam County Family YMCA.

President Collins provided copies of the report on what NARFE is doing in regards to Legislation and the Postal Service. He encouraged members to pass this report to those they know who work for the Postal Service in hopes it would help them to decide to become members of NARFE.

President Collins reported that NARFE President, Joe Beaudoin has sent a letter to each member of Congress urging them to not increase what current federal employees pay toward the retirement system to pay for the bill that will prevent the student loan program interest rates to go up beginning in July. President Obama wants to force federal employees to pay an extra 1.2 percent towards the retirement system.

He also reported the latest facts on the Consumer Price Index in which our Cost of Living Adjustments are made. The latest report for May showed a decline of 0.2 percent in the cost of living. As it stands now, the index is 1.5 percent higher than the end of the last reporting year. There are 4 more reporting months in this year.

Treasurer's Report: Myrna was not present with a report, but President Collins stated the following details from May: Deposits from dues \$87.50, Expenses \$87.60.

Membership Report: Our President gave the details of our Membership as follows: Recent new members Evelyn Langenback of Sparta and Larry Harkleroad of Cookeville, member reinstated Lois Burgess, second dues notices sent out to Sue Haskins, Rural Peace, Madison Shambarger. In addition he stated that these members have yet to renew; Ray Duke, Rodney Middleton, Andrew Keisling, Edward Savage.

Sunshine Report: Joan had sent out cards to those mentioned last month. They are doing better.

Alzheimer's Report: \$23 was collected tonight towards this fund.

Unfinished business: none

New business: Our summer picnic has been set for July 21st. at the same location as last year, the Courtyard Shelter in Cane Creek Park. Those in attendance at this meeting choose to have the same menu as we have had in the past, which is BBQ pork and the usual side dishes. Members will be asked to bring desserts. We will also invite potential members to attend, those currently working or retired from federal employment.

President Collins reminded everyone of the upcoming National Convention in Reno Nevada, August 26-30th. He asked if anyone wanted to attend as a delegate for our Chapter. No one indicated such.

Announcements: Our next meeting will be August 21st.

Meeting adjourned.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary