

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
February 18, 2014

The Cookeville chapter of NARFE met February 18 at Shoney's Restaurant with 19 members and guests present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The speaker was Pam Ealey with Putnam County Habitat for Humanity.

President Collins stated it seems like with the winter weather things have been rather slow for NARFE and our legislative program. Washington DC has been shut down for a few days because of snow. Congress did pass an extension of the national debt limit. He was not aware of anything included in it that is related to NARFE other than it means there will be no government shutdown in the immediate future. They are working on the bill that would reform the Postal Department. NARFE is opposed to what is known at this time about that bill.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the January report, dues received were \$163.60, disbursements \$230 and an ending balance of \$1,441.16.

Membership Report: This month's membership report shows second dues notices were sent to James Clay, Donny Kimes, Bill Rankin, Pat Tatum and Loretta Collier. One member switched to Dues Withholding.

President Collins asked how many are aware of the Tennessee Federation member recruiting contest. It runs during this calendar year. He hoped many will use this as an incentive to find new members and get a chance to win a small prize. Membership forms were made available for members.

Sunshine Report: Roy Byrd had a recent heart attack.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$24.

New Business: The following officers were elected by acclamation and installed by past president Handley Oswald to serve this year: President-Ronnie Collins, Vice President-Larry Harkleroad, Secretary-Reba Collins and Treasurer-Myrna Estes.

Federation Convention is scheduled for April 21 and 22 in Franklin, TN. The chapter voted to send Ronnie Collins, Reba Collins and Larry Harkleroad as delegates to the convention.

In connection with this Convention we have been asked to donate something to raise money for NARFE Alzheimer's donations. Reba's sister is once again making a quilt that we will take to be raffled off. The chapter voted to let the collections this month and next go toward the expenses of making the quilt.

Door prize for the Convention: The chapter voted to send a \$25 gift card.

President Collins read a proposed resolution on making corrections to the Federation Constitution and Bylaws that he is planning on introducing at the convention if needed. The chapter approved the resolution. But he feels that the Federation will agree to begin the process of making the corrections without the need of a resolution this year.

The next regular meeting will be March 18.

Meeting was adjourned.

Reba Collins
Chapter Secretary