

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
November 17, 2015

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

Speaker was Bruce Womack, the Cookeville Fire Department Public Relations Officer.

President Collins reminded everyone that the open season for all insurance plans runs till December 14.

President Collins spoke about the latest news on Medicare Part B premiums: The Budget Bill recently passed maintained the premiums at \$104.90 for those on SS, But for others it will be \$118.83 plus a \$3 surcharge, \$121.83 total.

President Collins asked everyone to sign-up for the December Luncheon which is Saturday, December 12 at 11:30 am.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of October dues received were \$11 and a balance of \$2311.26

Legislative Report: Dan Hilton reported that the budget bill passed which included the 2016 premium rates for Medicare Part B. He also reported that there was a proposed new bill called the SAVE Benefits Act introduced in the Senate. It would provide a one Time "emergency" payment of \$581 in 2016 to those receiving Social Security benefits. Federal retirees will instead receive a refundable tax credit of the same amount. This bill is intended to make up for the lack of a cost of living adjustment for the coming year.

President Collins reminded everyone to let their Senators know how they feel on that bill and other bills before Congress and again reminded them of the toll free number for NARFE members to call Senators and their Representative is 866-220-0044.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$25.50.

Sunshine Report: Connie Banker had no news to report.

New Business: President Collins discussed the need for Chapter Officers for next year. Vice Present, Larry Harkleroad has requested to not continue to serve as Vice President. Collins asked some others to serve but none were committal. For the coming year Ronnie Collins will continue as President, Myrna Estes will continue as Treasurer and Reba Collins will continue as Secretary. The Vice President position will be vacant. Also we have vacant positions of Membership Chairman and Programs Coordinator.

Announcements: There will not be a regular meeting for December; the next regular meeting will be January 19, 2016.

Submitted by:
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Chapter Secretary