

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
May 17, 2016

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met May 17 at Shoney's Restaurant with 15 members and 1 guest present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Speaker was Mike Davidson, Cookeville City Manager.

President Collins reported on the COLA update for April shows an increase of .53 percent. This is 2 months in a row the index has shown an increase. For the year we are at a -0.34 toward any possible COLA. There are still 5 more months to go in this reporting year. He commented that he will write more details in an upcoming newsletter.

President Collins stated the NARFE National Convention will be in Reno Nevada August 28 thru September 1st. The deadline for us to submit delegates is June 1st. He asked if there were anyone interested in going.

President Collins stated under the Strategic Plan there are three objectives which must be approved by delegates at the National Convention in August: Authorizing the NEB to adjust dues one time in a 2 year period as much as 10 percent, optional chapter membership and one member one vote. There is one change that will be made which does not require a resolution that is to move forward on the hiring of an Executive Director. He encouraged members to go on the NARFE website and read the details and view the videos that will help them understand the Strategic Plan proposals.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Myrna Estes stated for the month of April dues received were \$109.76, and a balance of \$2143.54

Membership Report: Since March 7 members renewed, Second dues notices were sent to 5 members. William Rankin and Freddie Maxwell were dropped for non-renewal.

Legislative Report: Dan Hilton mentioned these items; NARFE-PAC goal is nearly met, the upcoming webinar on TSP Withdrawal Options, the Postal Reform bill, HR 711 WEP Reform bill, and passed out candidate information on those running for U S Representative in the 6th District.

Sunshine Report: no report given.

New business: President Collins asked if members wanted to continue the use of the automated phone calls to send out reminders of the monthly meetings. The costs for 850 units of time would be \$50. Motion was made by Sharron Martin and seconded by Tom Banker to purchase the time. Motion passed.

Announcements: The next regular meeting will be June 21, 2016. The scheduled speaker will be Sharron Martin on the subject of Genealogy.

Submitted by:
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