

Cookeville/Putnam County Chapter 1956
Minutes of Meetings
May 15, 2018

The Cookeville Chapter of NARFE met May 15, at Shoney/s Restaurant with 11 members and 1 guest present. Meeting was opened by an invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Collins stated May 6-12 was Public Service Recognition Week and asked if anyone took part in sending a letter to a newspaper editor.

President Collins discussed the Federation Convention which was held April 16-17 in Jackson and reported on a few things not included in the last newsletter..

NARFE webinars: The webinar on May 24 is titled "How Much Money Do You Need for a Secure Retirement?"

Consumer Price update: The last newsletter listed the data for October thru March. The change for April was an increase of 0.47 percent. The 2018 COLA is 2.0 percent.

President Collins stated that voting is underway now for the items of national interest. He gave a detailed report on how the process works to cast a vote on the Proposed Bylaws and Resolutions, 4 additional ballot items (28 total). There are 4 candidates for National President, 2 candidates for National Secretary/Treasurer and for us in Region 10 there are 2 candidates for Region 10 Vice President. There are candidate statements online that some may have received by e-mail. Voting has to be done by 11:59 on June 30 by the ballot in the June magazine or online. Questions and problems can be handled over the phone by calling 866-720-4357.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report shows dues received for February \$19.96, March \$10.00 and April \$79.80 and a balance at the end of April of \$2368.69.

Membership Report: The latest membership report shows one member was dropped but later was reinstated. It also shows members leaving the chapter and one coming back.

Legislative Report: Dan Hilton discussed the President's proposed budget and how it would affect NARFE. Members of Congress say it is dead on arrival. NARFE encourages members to let their view be known to Congress. Number to contact members of Congress is 866-220-0044.

Sunshine Report: Doug Winford died around the end of March, but his membership dropped in October of last year.

Alzheimer's Report: A collection was taken for Alzheimer's in the amount of \$27.

Announcements: The next regular meeting will be August 21.

Submitted by:
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