

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

February 10, 2007

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Mesquite Room at the Embassy Suites, (13131 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas) by Chapter President, Charles Baker. Most members had processed through the breakfast line.

President Baker opened the meeting with an announcement of the recent death of Paul Ferguson. Paul was an honored friend of the Chapter and recent recipient of the SAR War Service Medal for his participation in World War II and Pearl Harbor in particular. He was buried at the DFW National Cemetery on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

Chaplain Frank Pounders announced that there were no known sick reported to him from the membership roles. During the Memorial Service he reported that, in addition to Paul Ferguson, we had lost 5 members/former members in 2006. They were Phillip Montgomery, Jr., Donald M. Parish, Joe Bagley, Judge Dee Brown Walker and C. A. Kepler (former member).

Second Vice President Allen Christian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, Secretary Byron Christian led the Pledge to the Texas Flag and Compatriot Gerald Irion led the Salute to the SAR Flag. Past Chapter President Tracey Pounders led the Chapter in the singing of "America".

Past Chapter President Art Ingalls shared a humorous story with the chapter.

Past Chapter President Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeters, Bill Barnard and Dale Gorman. He then reported that he had received a check from the Safeway Corp. for \$42.00. He also announced that Richland College has offered various computer related courses which are free to those 65 and older. A special surprise was the delivery of cookies to the Chapter members present that were made by Ralph's wife based on the original recipe of Martha Washington for her husband George.

Past Chapter President Ralph McDowell reported that there were, as yet, 30 "unpaid dues" members. Volunteers were requested to assist in contacting these members and reminding them to pay their dues.

Compatriot John Morton reported on the SAR Youth Poster Contest. He will bring in all the posters that were submitted for the Chapter membership to vote on at the next meeting. The theme is "Yorktown". Last year our chapter's selection won State and came in 3rd at National.

Compatriot Mark Hansen was announced as the Youth Essay Contest Chairman.

Compatriot Don Hatch was announced as the Youth Oratory Contest Chairman, pending his becoming a member of the chapter.

Past Chapter President Tom Whitelock reported that David Price from Plano was the winner of the Region 6 Oration Contest and the Dallas Chapter has contributed to his travel expenses to the State finals. He announced Harmon Adair as the new East Fork Trinity President. The new Mesquite Chapter President was also announced as Farris Collier. Mark Hansen will be the new District 6 Vice President taking Tom Whitelock's position.

Guests (including Dallas Memorial Candidate Darrell Jordan) and prospective members attending the meeting were introduced.

Second Vice President Allen Christian reported that he had inventoried all available awards and was seeking volunteers as presenters for the ROTC Medal Program. There were no other awards to be presented today.

President Charles Baker asked for any corrections to last meeting's minutes and when none were announced he stated that the minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasurer Hank Voegtle announced that there were 37 members and 9 guests attending today's meeting. He stated that due to delayed bank signature cards he had no Bank Account, Richie Fund or Minute Man Fund balances to report at this time. He will report all balances next meeting.

Past President Tom Smith presented Graham Martin with the Texas and Chapter Service medal for his outstanding support during the past year. Jack Carney was presented with a certificate for work as DAR liaison. Tom then inducted his son, Earl Thomas Smith, Jr., into the Dallas Chapter of the SAR.

Registrar Gerald Irion reported that there were no more inductions at this time.

Past President Tom Whitelock was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his work as Region 6 Vice President and since he was the "Godfather" of our Chapter he was given an appropriate basket of Italian foodstuffs.

President Charles Baker announced that the SAR won third place among non-military marching units in the 2006 Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2006. The trophy will be kept at the University of North Texas SAR archive library.

First Vice President Bob Clark introduced Jack Carney as this year's DAR liaison. He said he was also looking for someone to be the Eagle Scout Chairman. He then introduced Bob Spence who presented the Americanism speech about the Battle of Trenton and the interesting "funding" thereof.

First Vice President Bob Clark introduced Judge John McClellan Marshall (also a Past President of the Dallas Chapter) as guest speaker. John made an outstanding presentation about "Yorktown and San Jacinto: Clashes of Culture".

There were no old business issues brought forth.

The following new issues were presented for consideration:

- It was proposed that the Chapter have one night meeting (including wives) later this year (possibly November). This was moved by Mark Hansen and seconded by Tom Whitelock. The proposal was approved by attending members. John Marshall recommended we look at using the Hall of State at Fair Park for this purpose and since his wife was the coordinator for the Hall he felt we could get reasonable rates.
- It was recommended we consider using the internet for publishing the monthly newsletter. This could save potentially \$2,000 (per year). This will be brought up for vote at a subsequent meeting.
- It was recommended that the Chapter pursue the suggestion of creating a trailer in the form of a boat for use in parades. The "boat" would simulate the one used by George Washington when crossing the Delaware. Issues to be resolved include the cost (estimated at \$2,000 by Harmon Adair) plus storage.

After Treasurer Hank Voegtle presided over the door prize drawings the Benediction was given by Chaplain Frank Pounders, followed by the SAR Closing led by President Charles Baker, who adjourned the meeting at 10:01.

Respectfully submitted,
Byron Christian, Secretary, Dallas Chapter-TXSSAR