

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

March 10, 2007

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:31 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 past member Warren "Biff" Yarbrough. Warren spent his later years working with the SAR in our 50th State – Hawaii where he held the position of Vice President General for that area.

Chaplain Frank Pounders announced that there were no known sick reported to him from the membership roles. He then led the attendees in a word of prayer.

Art Ingalls led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, Mel McCoy led the Pledge to the Texas Flag and Frank Pounders led the Salute to the SAR Flag. John Morton led the Chapter in the singing of "America".

Past Chapter President Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeters, Tom Smith and George Monroe.

Guests and prospective members attending the meeting were introduced.

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

Dues Team Chairman Ralph McDowell reported that of the 76 members who were initially reported as not having paid their dues all but 25 or 26 were left as of the March 1 cutoff. Members of the Team were introduced and publicly thanked for their efforts. The team members were Ralph McDowell, Jim Templin, Frank Pounders, Jim Fairbairn, John Morton, Tom Smith, Art Ingalls, Tom Whitelock and Byron Christian.

Grady Fairbairn, Co-chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee, requested that all attendees bring any magazines or used clothing to the next meeting for distribution by the Veterans Affairs Committee to patients at the Dallas VA Hospital. Ralph McDowell also suggested that each member donate a pound of coffee (any brand) to the Dallas VA Hospital as this was a real need there.

Tom Whitelock (last year's District VI VP) reported that most of the Youth Contests were either completed or well underway and presentations had been made to special service personnel such as Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS. District VI has won the American History Teacher Award. The winner comes from the Mesquite Chapter. The Poster contest is underway. The Oratory contest was disappointing in that we had no entry. We must work on that.

D. A. Sharp was sworn in as Chapter Historian for 2007 He was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for performing the same duties in 2006.

Second Vice President Allen Christian reported that he was seeking volunteers as presenters of the ROTC and Good Citizenship medals for the area High Schools. He then gave a short Americanism presentation of six old newspapers for the time period 1776 to 1865.

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.

Registrar Gerald Irion swore in new member Neal Parke Watts, Jr. Neal's daughter Kate pinned the SAR rosette on his lapel. Neal's ancestor was John Watts who rose from Private to Captain during the War and later was a signer of the Georgia Constitution.

Treasurer Hank Voegtle announced that there were 33 members and 9 guests attending today's meeting. He stated that we were solvent at this time. He has developed a new form for expense requests and requests that anyone who has money owed to them fill out one of these forms and present it to him.

First Vice President Bob Clark introduced John Hayes, Military and Veterans Affairs Liaison for Congressman Kenny Marchant of the 24th District of Texas, as guest speaker. John told of his experiences both in his military and civilian life and concluded with some of the experiences/responsibilities he has had in his current role. John will be the Chairman of this year's Dallas Veteran's Day Parade.

The following old issues were discussed:

- The proposal to create a web only newsletter. The proposal was moved by Mark Hansen and seconded by Frank Pounders. Before a vote was taken Ralph McDowell raised a concern that we may potentially lose some out of state members if we did this and recommended we study it some more. After some discussion Mark Hansen and Frank Pounders recended their motion and second. Mark then moved that we give each member a choice of which media they preferred and stress the savings that could be accrued by going to the web option. Frank seconded that motion and it was carried unanimously by a voice vote of all members present.
- An Evening Meeting in the autumn. President Charles Baker reported that we could reserve the Hall of State on Saturday November 10, 2007 from 5:00 PM on for \$2,000. Cost of food would be about \$20 per plate. Since the Hall of State could seat around 300 guests it would probably be wise to invite other chapters to participate in the event with us. Tom Smith voiced some reservations about the cost of the event and whether or not we would have sufficient attendance to justify it. Tom Smith moved that this issue be tabled until a later date. This was seconded by DA Sharp and approved by a voice vote.
- The creation of a "boat float" for use in parades. President Charles Baker said that there was a concern about storage and until this concern was satisfied that the issue be tabled until later.

John Morton, Youth Poster Contest Chairman presented the submitted "Yorktown" theme posters for membership vote. He requested that all present review the posters and select the one that we liked best before leaving the meeting.

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 10:11.

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