

# **Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter**

## **TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**April 14, 2007**

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:32 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.

Chaplain Art Ingalls led the attendees in a word of prayer.

Jack Carney led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, Charles Windham led the Pledge to the Texas Flag and Mark Hansen led the Salute to the SAR Flag. John Morton 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, Graham Martin, Bob Coker and Richard Arnold.

Guests and prospective members attending the meeting were introduced.

John Morton, Chairman of the Americanism Poster Contest announced that the winner of our chapter's contest, Katlyn May Cantrell, also won second place in Texas. He presented her with the \$100 savings bond for the Chapter win and read a letter to her from TXSSAR Treasurer Jim Jones, telling her to expect a \$300 savings bond from the State contest. There were numerous members of her family attending the meeting for the presentation.

President Baker announced that several members had journeyed to San Antonio two weeks ago for the Annual Convention of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Dallas Chapter received several special awards for a job well done. These included the TXSSAR Outstanding Chapter, the John Bruce Stuart Award for Service to Veterans and the TXSSAR Americanism Awards. We also received a couple of ribbons for our flag.

Dues Team Chairman Ralph McDowell reported that as of this date we have 279 paid members plus 11 on hold.

District VI VP Mark Hansen congratulated our Chapter's Poster State second place winner and also the State winner representing the Mesquite Chapter.

Second Vice President Allen Christian reported that he still needed a few presenters for the ROTC medals and was circulating a signup sheet for volunteers. He then presented Compatriot Byron Christian with a War Service Medal for active duty service during the Vietnam War.

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.

Acting Treasurer Byron Christian announced that there were 39 members and 17 guests attending today's meeting for a total of 56 attendees. He stated that as of the end of March we had \$510.93 in our Chapter Checking Account, \$8,426.27 in the Minuteman Fund and \$28,417.62 in the Richie Fund.

Registrar Gerald Irion swore in new members Jim Johnstone and Bob Northcraft. Jim's ancestor was Cyrus Brown Sr and Bob's ancestor was Solomon Tice.

President Baker requested a show of hands for all those who were planning to attend the 2007 SAR Congress in Williamsburg, VA. Cliff Slagle, Bob Clark and Bob Coker stated their intention to attend the Congress. This information will be sent to TXSSAR for appointment of official delegate to the Congress.

Old Business:

By a show of hands it was decided to have the November Chapter meeting be held at the South of the Border Buffet in the Embassy Suites Hotel on Saturday night November 10, 2007 rather than the usual morning time. Wives are encouraged to attend. Estimated cost would be \$40 per person. A committee was established with Ralph McDowell, Bob Clark, Tom Whitelock, Mark Hansen and Tracey Pounders to help select a speaker and coordinate the event. We will invite other chapters in our area to join us that night for a superb program.

New Business:

- President Baker challenged the membership to raise \$1,000 for the Patriots Fund. He passed a tricorn hat for donations. This will be continued next meeting.
- A solicitation for a volunteer to be the Chapter Publicity Chairman resulted in no takers.
- President Baker announced the creation of the Dallas Chapter President's Medal. It will be given to compatriots who show consistent long-term service to the Dallas Chapter. The first two recipients were Ralph McDowell and Tom Whitelock. These two compatriots will recommend additional recipients during this calendar year.
- Mel McCoy was announced as the new Dallas Chapter Color Guard Coordinator. The next opportunity for the Color Guard will be at the Providence Christian School's Colonial Day Celebration on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Attendees were solicited.

First Vice President Bob Clark introduced Ralph McDowell who made the Americanism Presentation on the first ever Patent approved in the USA. He then introduced the Main Speaker for the day, TXSSAR President George West who made a presentation on the "Unsung Heroes of the American Revolution," asking each of us to send him a short write-up of our own patriot ancestor, for entry into the TXSSAR Archive.

After Acting Treasurer Byron Christian presided over the door prize drawings the Benediction was given by Chaplain Frank Pounders, followed by the SAR Closing led by Mel McCoy. Baker adjourned the meeting at 10:07.

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