

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

June 9, 2007

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:35 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 Frank Pounders reported that there were no known sick and led the attendees in a word of prayer.

Grady Fairbairn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, Al Sloan led the Pledge to the Texas Flag and Harmon Adair led the Salute to the SAR Flag. Alex Pounders (son of Tracy and grandson of Frank) led the Chapter in the singing of "America".

Past Chapter President Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeters, Al Sloan and Allen Christian.

Guests and prospective members attending the meeting were introduced.

Arthur Ingalls entertained the attendees with a humorous story.

Last month's minutes created by Chapter Secretary Byron Christian were approved as posted on our website.

Second Vice President Allen Christian reported that a total of 53 medals and certificates had been presented to Junior High School, High School and College students for ROTC and Good Citizenship.

President Charles Baker reminded members to be on the lookout for potential recipients of the SAR Flag Certificates. One recipient has been selected – Young Chevrolet. Mel McCoy volunteered to make the presentation.

Treasurer Hank Voegtle announced that there were 35 members and 9 guests attending the meeting for a total of 44 attendees. He stated that as of the end of May we had \$2,905.54 in our Chapter Checking Account. He did not have the balances for the Minute Man or Richie Funds.

President Baker reported that he had received a letter in the mail from a 3 star general (Lieutenant General) in the Pentagon expressing his appreciation of the Dallas SAR Chapter's outstanding efforts to promote patriotism.

Registrar Gerald Irion reported that there were no new members to be sworn in this month. There are 294 paid members as of this date. Next month will be a banner meeting in that 11 members of the Trammel Crow family will be duly sworn and the Matriarch of the Crow family will be presented with the prestigious Martha Washington Medal.

Old Business:

The November 10 evening meeting will be a "South of the Border Buffet" at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Cost will be \$40 per attendee. Past President Tom Smith will report on the program for this meeting next month.

This Chapter continues to need a Publicity Chairman. Volunteers are needed.

New Business:

- President Baker announced that the challenge to raise \$1,000 for the Patriots Fund is progressing well. To date we have raised over \$2,000 with the stipulation that it be noted as the Brown Memorial Fund. Jim Templin presented the Treasurer with \$100 collected at his annual Memorial Day Feast.
- Barbara Baker announced that the Ladies Auxiliary of the Texas Society of the SAR is open to all female family members of active SAR members. The cost is \$5.00 per year.
- It was announced that commemorative stamps depicting the founding of Jamestown are now available at area Post Offices.
- Grady Fairbairn, Chairman of Veteran Affairs requested members who wished to donate magazines, coffee, playing cards, etc bring them to the VA Hospital. Also, he requested that participating members keep records of all costs and mileage incurred for use in establishing point counts.
- Bob Northcraft announced that he was setting up an "Entertain Veterans" Committee. Any members with a desire to help would be appreciated.
- Color Guard Activities (all on July 4th) upcoming:

Lake Highlands Parade begins at 9:00 AM and we will lead the parade.
Attendees are requested to come at 8:30.

Park City's Parade also begins at 9:00 AM but we will join it in route at the tail end of the marching participants. It is felt that we can participate in both parades since the Lake Highlands Parade is short and the Park City Parade is long.

Chapel of The Cross Church program begins at 4:00 PM. Participating members will present the colors at the start of the program.

First Vice President Bob Clark announced some of the speakers for our upcoming meetings. He then made a short Americanism presentation about why our country decided not to become a monarchy.

First Vice President Bob Clark introduced our Main Speaker, Talmage Boston, well known lawyer and author, who made a presentation on four key Baseball heroes of the past and how their philosophy and work ethic should be an inspiration for all who are interested in American History.

After Treasurer Hank Voegtle presided over the door prize drawings, the Benediction was given by Chaplain Frank Pounders, followed by the SAR Closing. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

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