

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

August 11, 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. Chaplain Frank Pounders reported no known ill among the Compatriot Roster and led the meeting in a word of prayer.

Byron Christian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, Allen Christian led the recently revised Pledge to the Texas Flag and Ken Meaders led the Salute to the SAR Flag. Jim Johnson led the Chapter in the singing of "America".

Past Chapter President Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeters, Grady Fairbairn and George Monroe. 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 presented a War Service Medal to Bob Northcraft who served in the US Army during the Vietnam Era. He also announced the receipt of several hundred copies of the Presidential Proclamation of the new Loyalty Day to be observed each May 1st.

Treasurer Hank Voegtle announced that there were 43 members and 10 guests attending the meeting for a total of 53 attendees. He stated that as of the end of May we had \$8,560.68 in our Minute Man Fund and around \$28,000 in the Richie Fund.

Ralph McDowell presented a check for \$52.63 to Treasurer Voegtle from the Safeway program. Tom Whitelock announced the gift of \$178.50 from the Trammel Crow family. The money was a rebate from an overcharge by National for the processing of several members of the Crow family into the SAR. The money will be donated to the Patriots Fund.

Flag Chairman Bob Northcraft announced that since the last meeting all 15 Flag Certificates had been awarded. We are ordering more. Good job, Bob.

Registrar Gerald Irion swore in one new member: Trammel S. Crow whose Patriot Ancestor was William Sims. Effective immediately Al Sloan will assume the duties of Registrar for the remainder of the year. Gerald and his wife are moving to Kerrville, Texas as soon as they sell their home here.

President Charles Baker announced the awarding of Certificates of Appreciation to Scout John Housewright, to BSA Troop 890 and to Cub Scout Pack 890 for their joint participation in the Lake Highlands Parade on July 4th. Compatriot & Scouter Ken Meaders accepted the certificates on behalf of the recipients. President Baker also stated that David Hall, a Keller Businessman, who participated with our Chapter in the Park City Parade will be presented with an SAR Good Citizenship Medal at a future meeting for his outstanding support of Patriotism in our community. President Charles Baker announced that there will be a "Thank You" Service for 82 wounded servicemen this evening at 5 PM at Myers Youth Recreation Park on the north side of McKinney. Maps were distributed and all members were encouraged to attend.

Old Business:

Past President Tom Smith reported that Lloyd Bockstruck will be the speaker for the November Dinner Meeting. Tickets will be on sale by September 1.

This Chapter continues to need a Publicity Chairman.

New Business: We are invited to the Annual Dallas Area DAR Constitution Week Brunch. Details in July-August Newsletter.

Past President Tom Smith made this month's Americanism presentation about his family's history with the DAR and SAR.

President Charles Baker presented the Liberty Medal and Certificate to Tom Whitelock for his work in recruiting new members into the SAR. Tom also received his commission to the rank of Major in the Texas SAR Color Guard from Texas Color Guard Commander BG Dr Jim Johnson.

President Charles Baker announced that the Ladies Auxiliary of TXSSAR presented a check for \$500 to the Patriot's Fund at the State BOM last week.

First Vice President Bob Clark introduced our Main Speaker, Trammel S. Crow, Director of the Trammel & Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art in the Dallas Arts District. He made a presentation about the accumulation and display of the Crow Family's Asian Art Collection.

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