

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

September 8, 2007

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:45 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 Compatriot Gary Sisson's grandfather, Jack Simer, a former member of this chapter passed away last Sunday. Jim Templin is scheduled for neck surgery and should be remembered in our prayers. Chaplain Pounders then led us in a word of prayer.

George Monroe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, Tom Smith led the recently revised Pledge to the Texas Flag and Paul Dodson led the Salute to the SAR Flag. Art Ingalls led the Chapter in the singing of "America".

Past Chapter President Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeters, Frank Pounders and Mike Mamma.

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 stated that there were no presentations or announcements to be made at this meeting.

Treasurer Hank Voegtle announced that there were 39 members and 6 guests attending the meeting for a total of 45 attendees. He stated that as of the end of May we had \$1,774.31 in the Chapter checking account. No balances were available for the Minute Man or Richie Funds.

President Charles Baker announced that we were in need of judges for the upcoming year's contests including the Oratory Contest (Chairman Don Hatch), the American History Teacher Contest (no Chairman at this time), the Essay Contest (Chairman Mark Hansen), and the Poster Contest (Chairman John Morton). Additionally, we will need a Chairman for the Enhanced JROTC Contest. Volunteers were solicited.

Registrar Gerald Irion swore in three new members:

- Joshua C. Tate whose ancestor was Christian Pickel of Virginia
- Harvey Varnum whose ancestor was William Varnum of Massachusetts
- R.W. White whose ancestor was Henry Bagus of Virginia

As of August 31st there are 302 registered members in our chapter.

Ralph McDowell announced that volunteers were needed to man the booth at this year's State Fair.

Old Business:

President Baker announced that tickets were now available for the Dinner Meeting scheduled for November 10th (time yet to be set for either 6 PM or 7PM). Price will be \$40 per attendee and dress code will be Tuxedo, Dark Suit or Color Guard Uniform

President Baker reminded everyone to be sure to fly their American Flags on 9/11 to honor the fallen on that date in 2001 and our troops defending our country.

First Vice President Bob Clark introduced Hank Voegtle who made the Americanism Presentation about religious growth in Europe and the Colonies prior to the American Revolution.

First Vice President Bob Clark introduced our Main Speaker, Bill Steele, National Head of the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Program. Prior to the talk a head count was taken of the number of attendees who were Eagle Scouts. There were 10 Eagles present. Bill's talk was on "The History of the Eagle Rank". Since its inception in 1912 there have been 1,887,138 Eagle Scouts.

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 10:10.

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