

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter
TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
February 9, 2007**

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter TXSSAR 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 Robert Clark. Most members had previously processed through the breakfast line.

Chaplain Art Ingalls reported that Compatriot Bert Huls was doing well and **Marilyn Johnson, wife of Compatriot Jeremy Johnson, was ill.** Then Chaplain Ingalls gave the invocation.

Compatriot Jim Latham led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, Compatriot Bill Richardson led the Pledge to the Texas flag, and Compatriot Grady Fairbairn led the Pledge to the SAR flag. Compatriot Tracy Pounders led the members in the singing of "America". President Clark then led the members in the singing of "Dixie".

Past President and Head Greeter Ralph McDowell introduced and thanked our greeters, Compatriots Frank Pounders and George Monroe.

Guests and prospective members attending the meeting were then introduced.

Chaplain Art Ingalls shared a humorous story with the chapter.

Last month's minutes created by 2007 Chapter Secretary Byron Christian were approved as posted on our website.

Treasurer Bob Spence reported that there were 46 people present including 38 members and 8 guests. The chapter checking account balance was \$336.63, the Minuteman Fund had a balance of \$8,150, and the Richie Fund balance was approximately \$29,000.

Past President Ralph McDowell reported that there were 36 members who have not paid their dues and 7 reinstatements. All other members are paid and up to date. Also, he reported that Tom Whitelock had created a unique mailing to all unpaid members with an image of the famous painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It included an image of current Chapter President Bob Clark with the caption, "We need you!"

Second Vice President Frank Pounders said that he would be soliciting volunteers beginning next month for award presentations to area high school ROTC and Good Citizenship recipients.

President Clark reported that the Dallas Chapter Color Guard was awarded First Place in the Veterans Organization Division of the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade. The Certificate and Trophy were presented to the chapter by CPP Charles Baker.

Mark Hansen presented the 2007 SAR Essay Contest winner, Conner Pate, a junior at St. Mark's School of Texas with a grade point average of 4.27, with a check for \$300. Conner Pate then read his essay to the assemblage. His parents were in attendance.

2007 President Charles Baker presented the 2007 Chapter President's Award to Cliff Slagle and a Chapter Service Medal to Laurie Crapo. He also solicited donations for the CAR and judges for the National History Day Competition at Fair Park.

Registrar Al Sloan reported that currently there are 28 people who have expressed interest in becoming members, 3 people who have been submitted to State for approval and 13 whose paperwork is being processed. Then he inducted new member Brad Camp whose ancestor was Michael Sword.

Barbara Baker, State Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary, TXSSAR, requested the attending membership to donate money for the purchase of a library table for the New Louisville, KY Center for Advancing American Heritage. She passed the tri-corn hat and got \$150.

State Color Guard Commander, MG Dr. Jim Johnson, presented the Dallas Chapter Color Guard Commander Certificate along with Honorary Color Guard Captain epaulets to Compatriot Bob Northcraft, the 2008 Dallas Chapter Color Guard Commander. Compatriot Northcraft announced several upcoming Color Guard events.

President Clark reported that beginning next month our monthly chapter meetings will be held at the Highland Park Cafeteria. Meeting time will remain the same. This change was due to increased expenses and poor support at the current location.

New Business: President Clark announced that Susan Reno, our State Teacher of the Year, has requested volunteers for the DISD National History Day Competition at the Hall of State in Fair Park from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on February 23, 2008. Volunteers should contact Ms Reno at sreno@dallasisd.org or call her at (972) 298-8028.

First Vice President Hank Voegtle presented the speaker of the day, John Guittard. Mr. Guittard spoke on the physical and mental attributes of George Washington and his many and varied accomplishments. He made a point of saying that George Washington is known for being "First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of his countrymen".

After Treasurer Bob Spence presided over the door prize drawings, the benediction was given by Chaplain Art Ingalls, followed by the SAR closing led by President Clark who adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Byron Christian
2007 Secretary Dallas Chapter TXSSAR