

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

March 8, 2008

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:20 a.m. at the Highland Park Cafeteria (Casa Linda Plaza, Dallas, Texas) by Chapter President Robert Clark.

Chaplain Arthur Ingalls reported that Compatriots Tom Whitelock, Lou Patterson, and Bert Huls were recovering well from recent health issues, and they should be remembered in our prayers. Chaplain Ingalls then led us in an invocation.

Past President Tom Whitelock led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, Second Vice President Frank Pounders led the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Past President Tom Smith led the Salute to the SAR Flag. Alex Pounders led the Chapter in the singing of "America."

After a recess for breakfast, Past President Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeter, Bob Northcraft, guests and prospective members attending the meeting were introduced, and Arthur Ingalls entertained the attendees with a humorous story.

Last month's minutes created by Acting Secretary Byron Christian were approved as posted on the web site.

Treasurer Bob Spence announced that there were 38 members and 14 guests present for a total of 52 attendees. He stated that as of the end of February we had \$196.34 in the Chapter checking account, \$8,424.26 in the Minute Man Fund, and approximately \$29,000 in the Ritchie Fund.

There was no old business brought forth.

Under new business, Second Vice President Frank Pounders announced that high school awards season is fast approaching and requested volunteers to sign up for presentations at various schools.

Susan Reno, Dallas Chapter and State Winner of the Outstanding History Teacher Award, gave The Americanism Presentation, entitled "Women in American History." She was given her Certificate and a check in the amount of \$100, and she will be further recognized at the TXSSAR Luncheon on March 29.

Past President Ralph McDowell presented a Flag Certificate to Doug Lord.

John Morton, Poster Contest Chairman, presented 13 poster entries and asked members to vote on the best one after the meeting for submission to the State Contest.

Registrar Al Sloan reported membership at 309. He inducted new member Spencer Relyea into the SAR with the assistance of Mrs. Relyea. His Patriot ancestor is Dennis Relyea of New York.

Chapter Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft announced Color Guard events on March 13 for the DAR State Convention, on March 29-31 for the SAR State Meeting, and in April at the Providence Christian Academy.

President Bob Clark announced that Past President Charles Baker will receive The Patriot Medal at the State Meeting, and District 6 Vice President Mark Hansen encouraged all members to attend the State Meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Arlington, Texas, if at all possible.

First Vice President Hank Voegtle introduced program speakers Larry and Jennifer Tooker whose talk and videos covered "Free to Be," an outstanding program for junior and senior high school students. They were given our customary miniature Liberty Bell as a gift.

Treasurer Bob Spence conducted the door prize drawing. Then Chaplain Art Ingalls gave the Benediction and President Clark led the SAR Closing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Thomas Smith
Acting Secretary