

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter**

### **TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**June 14, 2008**

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Highland Park Cafeteria, (Casa Linda Plaza, Dallas, Texas) by Chapter President, Robert Clark. Most members had processed through the breakfast line.

FCP and Chaplain Art Ingalls reported that the membership was in good health and then gave the Invocation for the day.

FSP Bob Coker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. It was noted that on June 14, 1777 the Second Continental Congress voted to accept the flag, making today Flag Day. Registrar Al Sloan led the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and President Bob Clark led the Salute to the SAR Flag. FCP Tracy Pounders led the Chapter in an energetic singing of "America."

President Clark took a moment to recognize all fathers and grandfathers for Fathers Day. Great-grandfather Art Ingalls was accorded special recognition by all present for his lofty level of fatherhood.

FCP and Head Greeter Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeters, Art Ingalls and Dr. George Monroe. A total of seven guests were acknowledged.

Jokemeister FCP Art Ingalls entertained the attendees with another of his humorous stories.

Last month's Minutes created by Acting Secretary David Temple were approved as posted on the web site.

In Treasurer Bob Spence's absence, Acting Treasurer and FCP Tom Smith reported that 32 members and 7 guests were in attendance for a total of 39. He reported balances of \$2,952.79 in the Chapter checking account, \$8,310.84 in the Minuteman Fund, and \$29,764.58 in the Ritchie Fund.

Second Vice President Frank Pounders announced approximately 40 JROTC awards and Bronze Citizenship Medals had been given this year. He thanked all those who presented awards this year and encouraged others to take part in this rewarding experience by being involved in the future.

Chapter Registrar Al Sloan reported the current membership at 298, with 15 inactive members, 2 who have passed on to Chapter Eternal, 24 prospective members and 40 who have expressed interest. There are 4 applications at the state level at this time. President Clark encouraged all Compatriots to continue to seek prospective members and push our membership total back over 300.

Chapter Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft announced Color Guard events for July 4 in Lake Highlands and in Park Cities. He went on to review a list of 21 Color Guard activities completed since January 1. He will also be giving a Flag Day presentation today in Watauga. As he will be out of state at an SAR grave marking in July, command for the July 4 events will go to FCP Dr. Charles Baker. He

also suggested that a list of officers and their duties be prepared for members and prospective members. It could be posted to the webpage and produced as a document for circulation.

FCP Dr. Charles Baker reported the Lake Highlands Parade will begin at 9AM then the Color Guard will join the Park Cities Parade in progress. He then reported that 258 copies of the Minuteman newsletter were mailed out and email was used for the rest. He then circulated the Chapter email list for all to update their information so as to continue to reduce the cost of mailing the newsletter. FCP Baker then reported that General Mike Radcliff has advised him the George Washington Inaugural Bible will be exhibited at the Plano Convention Center on the weekend of June 28. There will be a Public Viewing in the afternoon of June 28 and a Gala Exhibition and Benefit on June 29. This is the bible used by several presidents at their inaugural. Please see [www.northtexashistory.org](http://www.northtexashistory.org) for additional information on the cost and times of the events.

There was no old business brought forth.

Under new business, President Clark swore in David Temple as the new Chapter Secretary.

First Vice President Hank Voegtle then introduced FCP Dr. Charles Baker who gave The Americanism Presentation on “The Role of Riflemen in the American Victory”. Dr. Baker discussed the use of the rifle in America by both British troops and American troops and how British command stubbornness put their troops at a disadvantage during the War for Independence. By choosing to disband the British rifle units the advantage moved to the American riflemen.

First Vice President Hank Voegtle introduced the program speaker Bob Northcraft, standing in for David Hall. Bob took us back in time and morphed himself into John Adams, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and Pierre Eugene du Simitiere who discussed the creation of the Motto to go along with the Great Seal of the United States. *E Pluribus Unum* was adopted as the Motto of the new country, meaning “From Many, One”.

Acting Treasurer and FCP Tom Smith conducted the door prize drawing, Second Vice President Frank Pounders gave the Benediction and President Clark led the SAR Closing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Temple  
Secretary