

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

July 12, 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. Members had processed through the breakfast line.

FCP and Chaplain Art Ingalls reported on the sick and recovering members and then gave the Invocation for the day.

President Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. D. A. Sharpe led the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Second Vice President Frank Pounders led the Salute to the SAR Flag. FCP Tracy Pounders once again led the Chapter in the singing of "America."

FCP and Head Greeter Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeters, Gerald Tyler and Glenn Toal. A total of seven guests were acknowledged.

Jokemeister and FCP Art Ingalls entertained the attendees with a humorous story.

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

Treasurer Bob Spence reported that 35 members and 7 guests were in attendance for a total of 42. He reported balances of \$2,235.69 in the Chapter checking account, and approximate balances of \$8,300 in the Minuteman Fund and \$30,000 in the Ritchie Fund. The Chapter remains in a good financial state.

Second Vice President Frank Pounders reported on the publicity today and Friday surrounding the participation of the Dallas Chapter's Color Guard in the Lake Highlands Fourth of July Parade. The July 11 edition of Lake Highlands People had a picture of Jim Templin and Tom Whitelock on the front page carrying flags. The Lake Highlands edition of the NeighborsGo section of The Dallas Morning News had a picture of Tom Smith, Art Ingalls and David Temple on its front page. These are great publicity for the Dallas Chapter and provide us all an opportunity to promote membership in the SAR.

Chapter Registrar Al Sloan reported the current membership at "almost" 300, with 4 applications in process at this time and 40 prospective members.

Chapter Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft reported eight presentations and participation in a parade while he and his grandson were in Marietta, Ohio. He was delighted to introduce and hone new commands for the Color Guard while out of town and looks forward to implementing them in Dallas. President Clark thanked past Color Guard Commander Charles Baker for his leadership in both Fourth of July parades. FCP and Chaplain Art Ingalls garnered more attention for the SAR by leading the Park Cities crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance following that parade.

FCP Ralph McDowell discussed service to veterans and how important it has become to our chapter. He then introduced his neighbor, Roland Lewis. Roland has been a longtime servant to the Boy Scouts in Lake Highlands and to veterans in the area VA hospitals. He has made numerous donations of magazines and movies over the years. Ralph, together with Grady and Jim Fairbain, co-chairs of the Veterans Committee, presented Mr. Lewis with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his service to veterans.

FCP Dr. Charles Baker reported on the Fourth of July parades and thanked his wife Barbara for joining in to carry the banner in the Park Cities parade. He then introduced Sam Mills whose brother Drew lined up 19 Boy Scouts to carry the flags and banners in the Lake Highlands parade. He presented a Certificate of

Appreciation to Boy Scout Troop 890 for their assistance in this year's parade and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Drew Mills for his work in getting the scouts to the parade. Dr. Baker then presented a unique award of \$2.00 bills to Drew Mills with the engraving of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

There was no old business brought forth.

Under new business, District 6 Vice President Mark Hansen invited the members to attend the BOM meeting scheduled for August 1 - 3, 2008 in Tyler. He encouraged members to bring their wives and prepare for an enjoyable visit to Tyler. It's a great opportunity for compatriots to see how the State Society operates its meeting versus Chapter meetings. Barbara Baker of the Ladies Auxiliary encouraged wives to attend and to also join the Ladies Auxiliary. All that is required is the payment of the \$5.00 dues.

First Vice President Hank Voegtler then introduced FCP Tom Smith who gave The Americanism Presentation on French and American Relations. Having the recent opportunity to entertain a young Frenchman, Francois deCherault, Tom was able to discuss the involvement of the French in American Independence. And while relations between France and the United States have oscillated over the years, we must recognize the debt we owe the French for coming to our assistance during the American Revolution.

First Vice President Hank Voegtler introduced the program speaker Judge "Wildcat" Reed. Judge Reed (played by our own Bob Northcraft) took us back in time to the Old West and its singular style of justice. Being fair, trustworthy and respectful are all virtues we very much treasure today. Bob was then presented a Certificate of Appreciation and our traditional miniature Liberty Bell.

Before the prize drawing, Mark Hansen recognized Treasurer Bob Spence for his recent 50th wedding anniversary. Bob had an eventful month as he also celebrated his 81st birthday. The door prize was conducted, Second Vice President Pounders gave the Benediction and President Clark led the SAR Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Temple
Secretary