

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

August 9, 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 First Vice President, Hank Voegtle. Members had processed through the breakfast line.

In the absence of FCP and Chaplain Art Ingalls, Second Vice President and Acting Chaplain Frank Pounders reported on the sick and recovering members and then gave the Invocation for the day.

Jim Templin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. David Temple led the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and FCP Jack Carney led the Salute to the SAR Flag. FCP Tracy Pounders led the Chapter in a rousing chorus of "America."

FCP and Head Greeter Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeter, FCP Tom Smith. A total of three guests were acknowledged.

FCP Tom Whitelock stood in for the absent Jokemeister Art Ingalls and entertained the attendees with a quick lesson in Chinese phrases needed by all to closely follow the Summer Olympics.

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

Treasurer Bob Spence reported that 31 members and 3 guests were in attendance for a total of 34. He reported a balance of \$2,302.91 in the Chapter checking account, and approximate balances of \$8,350 in the Minuteman Fund and \$32,000 in the Ritchie Fund.

FCP Charles Baker reported on the activities of the recent Tyler BOM. Members Robert Clark, Charles Baker, Mark Hansen, Bob Northcraft, Cliff Slagle, Hank Voegtle, Tom Whitelock and David Temple attended numerous committee meetings and the business meeting. The Dallas Chapter was well represented among awards given during NSSAR's recent 118th Annual Congress and announced during the BOM Banquet. Dr. Baker announced the following awards:

The Chapter was awarded the USS Stark Memorial Award for providing the best record of service to veterans during 2007. This award reflects a lot of hard work by Grady and Jim Fairbain, Bob Northcraft and the members of the Dallas Chapter.

Jim Templin and FCP Tom Whitelock each were awarded the Liberty Medal for being the first line signer on ten applications. Tom Whitelock's award was a bronze oak leaf cluster. Although he has moved and transferred his membership, former Chapter Registrar Gerald Irion was also awarded the Liberty Medal due to his service to the Dallas Chapter.

Chapter Registrar Al Sloan reported the current membership at 299, with 2 applications in process, 3 applications awaiting approval, 22 prospective members and another 39 who are interested.

Chapter Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft thanked past Color Guard Commander Charles Baker for his leadership in both Fourth of July parades. He then mentioned several members of the Color Guard had attended a black powder demonstration by members of the Dallas Safari Club. FCP Tom Smith discussed the 3400 member Club and gave details of the demonstration.

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Under new business FCP Ralph McDowell discussed a new Kroger frequent shopping program that could raise funds for the Chapter. He distributed instructions for the program and the bar codes needed by the members. He then presented a check to Treasurer Al Sloan for \$32 from the Safeway shopping program.

He then discussed the status of the Chapter's email program. Although we have 160 member names on the email list the Chapter still mailed out 195 copies of the recent newsletter. Additional savings in postage and printing costs can be derived from adding more email addresses to the list.

Henrietta Slagle announced the Ladies Auxiliary to TXSSAR has donated \$600 to the Patriots Fund and \$1600 to NSSAR for the new building. For the current year the Ladies Auxiliary has a new handmade quilt to raffle to raise additional funds.

First Vice President Hank Voegtle then introduced Bob Northcraft who gave The Americanism Presentation on The True Gateway to the West. He discussed his recent trip to Marietta, Ohio and what he learned of the history of that community. Named after Queen Marie Antoinette, the city was established in 1788 by General Rufus Putnam and the Ohio Company as the gateway to the Northwest Territory. Gutzon Borglum, famed sculptor of Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota, designed a monument commemorating the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Northwest Territory at Marietta. Bob worked with local groups to create a ceremony honoring General Putnam.

In the absence of our main speaker, Treasurer Bob Spence then conducted the door prize drawings. Second Vice President and Acting Chaplain Frank Ponders gave the Benediction and First Vice President Hank Voegtle led the SAR Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Temple
Secretary
Dallas Chapter, TXSSAR