

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

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

**September 13, 2008**

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:33 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 there were no sick members and then gave the Invocation for the day.

Nick Harper led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. David Temple led the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and FCP Dr. Charles Baker led the Salute to the SAR Flag. FCP Tracy Pounders led the Chapter in a chorus of "America."

FCP and Head Greeter Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeters, Dr. George Monroe and Second Vice President Frank Pounders. A total of four guests were acknowledged.

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

Chapter President Clark declared a Special Meeting be held today at 11 a.m. at the home of Dr. Charles Baker in Presbyterian Village, 8600 Skyline Drive, in north Dallas for Constitution Day.

A motion was made by D. A. Sharpe and seconded by Jim Templin to approve last month's Minutes by Chapter Secretary David Temple as posted on the web site.

Treasurer Bob Spence reported that 34 members and 4 guests were in attendance for a total of 38. He reported a balance of \$2,245.50 in the Chapter checking account, \$8,368.31 in the Minuteman Fund and \$30,000 in the Ritchie Fund.

Second Vice President Frank Pounders reported he had forms available for the War Service Medal and the Military Service Medal. They are also available on the NSSAR website.

FCP Ralph McDowell announced he had sign up sheets for manning the table at the DAR House at The State Fair of Texas. He asked that compatriots sign up for times and dates and see him to make arrangements for sharing the ten parking passes we have. FCP Tom Whitelock spoke on the great recruiting opportunity this provides us each year. Ralph also reminded everyone to please register for the Kroger card program.

Newsletter Editor and FCP Charles Baker advised of the Constitution Brunch to be held at Lakewood Country Club next week. All compatriots should expect an email next week with the details.

Chapter Registrar Al Sloan was absent and no report made.

Jim Fairbairn announced that the VA will accept women's clothing and hardback books for veterans at the hospital.

Chapter Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft mentioned several members of the Color Guard had attended a function at the H. L. Hunt estate for the George Washington Society. He next presented a flag certificate to Richard Jackson for correctly displaying the flag 24/7. Mr. Jackson is the son and grandson of veterans who both proudly flew the flag. His work with youth emphasizes honoring the flag.

There was no old business brought forth.

Under new business Chapter President Clark announced he was working on an evening meeting for November, possibly black tie optional.

FCP Tom Whitelock discussed the Patriot Fund Endowment for TXSSAR under the leadership of Charles Luna. This fund is not a replacement for the annual support many Dallas members give the Patriot Fund. It is an organized effort to identify member employers who may provide matching gifts or foundations that may provide grants to qualifying applicants. The idea is for earnings generated from the endowment fund be used for the programs supported by the Patriot Fund.

First Vice President Hank Voegtle then introduced FCP Dr. Charles Baker who gave The Americanism Presentation on an article in the June 20, 2008 issue of Investor Business Daily, "George W's War". The main speaker was Scott Wizeman who spoke on Free Masonry during the Revolution. Scott was then presented a Certificate of Appreciation and our traditional miniature Liberty Bell.

Treasurer Bob Spence then conducted the door prize drawings, FCP and Chaplain Art Ingalls gave the Benediction and President Clark led the SAR Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Temple  
Secretary  
Dallas Chapter, TXSSAR