

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter
TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
October 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Highland Park Cafeteria by Chapter President, Robert M. Clark. Most members had previously processed through the breakfast line.

Chaplain Art Ingalls reported no Compatriot on sick call but reported the death of Compatriot Larry Craig. The Chaplain then proceeded to give the Invocation for the day.

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by PCP Charles Baker, pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Compatriot Grady Fairbairn and PSP Bob Coker led the salute to the SAR Flag. PCP Judge Tracy Pounders led us in the singing of "America".

President Clark then introduced and thanked our head greeter, PCP Ralph McDowell, who introduced the day's greeters, Frank Pounders and Jim Fairbairn. The President next recognized guests at each table. FCP and Jokemeister Art Ingalls enlivened everyone with the joke for the day.

Being no corrections to the Minutes of the September 13, 2008 meeting, they stood approved as posted on the website.

Treasurer Bob Spence reported that 36 members and seven guests, for a total of 43 individuals, were in attendance. The following financial report was given: the checking account balance was \$2,245.28, the Minuteman Fund had a balance of \$8,360.81 and the Ritchie Fund totals approximately \$30,000.00.

PCP Tom Whitelock announced the rules for the poster contest and distributed flyers to Compatriots with any connection or contact with Dallas area elementary schools.

Newsletter editor PCP Charles Baker made a plea for someone to replace him as he has been asked to take on the job of newsletter editor for the Texas Society.

Registrar Al Sloan then reported that we have 302 members and swore in new member David Cullen Briggs. His ancestor David Briggs provided horses, beeves, and fodder on credit to the Continental Army.

PCP Ralph McDowell made a report on the activities of the chapter during September and October at the Continental DAR House located on the grounds of the State Fair. Schedules for volunteers with dates were available from PCP Ralph McDowell.

Color Guard Commander, Major Bob Northcraft, reported on the Guard's recent activities. In September: The George Washington Society, the Constitution Day observance at Presbyterian Village North; in October: Autistic Children Awareness gathering at the Ft. Worth Stockyards in company with the Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter. Upcoming activities: Compatriot Northcraft will represent the S.A.R. later today at an event honoring "the Greatest Generation", October 22 the Color Guard will participate in the dedication of the Liberty Bell truck at the Grapevine RR Depot; in November: information on the Dallas Veterans Day Parade will be forthcoming. He

has a trailer and truck for the parade but needs folding chairs. Bob Tanner, Jr. asked if Pearl Harbor Survivors could ride on the trailer and was advised yes.

Compatriot Grady Fairbairn reminded members to turn in their service to veterans reports for his Veterans Affairs report.

First Vice President Hank Voegtle gave an Americanism program and was the main speaker on the subject of "Florida in the Revolution." At the conclusion of his speech he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the chapter.

President Clark announced that the November meeting will be combined with the C.A.R. and the speaker will be the Texas State C.A.R. President. The December meeting will be dedicated to Public Service Awards – police, fire and EMT, with the speaker to be announced.

President Clark announced we would have a special dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 28, 2008 with details forthcoming. The cost will be \$20 per person and Lloyd Bockstruck will be the featured speaker. He stressed this meeting does not replace the regular November meeting

After the door prize drawing, the Benediction was given by Chaplain Ingalls, which was followed by the SAR Closing led by President Clark.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Clark, President, Dallas Chapter-TXSSAR
Acting as Secretary