

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

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

**November 8, 2008**

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:35 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.

Jim Fairbairn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Franker Pounders led the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Charles Phebus led the Salute to the SAR Flag. FCP Tracy Pounders then led the Chapter in a chorus of "America."

FCP and Head Greeter Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeter, Jim Templin. A total of 14 guests were acknowledged.

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

Last month's Minutes by Acting Secretary Bob Clark were approved as posted on the web site.

Treasurer Bob Spence reported that 37 members and 14 guests were in attendance for a total of 51. He reported a balance of \$2,446.42 in the Chapter checking account, \$8,372.00 in the Minuteman Fund and \$30,000 in the Ritchie Fund.

FCP Ralph McDowell reported the Jane Douglas Chapter of DAR had a challenger regarding the Continental House on the State Fair of Texas property. While he did not know the current decision, visiting Jane Douglas Secretary, Liz Klammer, advised their Chapter had voted to retain the house but must restore it to its 1936 condition. This will be an economic challenge and future announcements will be made. Ralph also reminded everyone to please register for the Kroger card program.

FCP and District Vice President Mark Hansen reported on two key issues from the recent BOM in Temple. The first was that the State newsletter will come out again with Larry Stephens as the new Editor. The second was a proposal for a new "at large" membership status. With no specific chapter affiliation the dues for this membership class would go to the state society. Mark advised he was opposed to this proposal. Tom Whitelock moved and John Morton seconded that the Chapter also oppose this proposal. The motion passed.

Colonel David Briggs announced that a War College seminar was being held in San Antonio on Friday, November 14, 2008. Anyone interested should email him.

Newsletter Editor and FCP Charles Baker reminded everyone the deadline for the November/December newsletter is November 18, 2008, and that the deadline for each newsletter is 10 days after the meeting prior to the issue date.

Dr. Baker then announced the following slate of officers for 2009 as recommended by the Nominating Committee:

President	Hank Voegtle
First Vice President	Frank Pounders
Second Vice President	David Temple
Secretary	Bob Northcraft

Treasurer	Bob Spence
Registrar	Robert Tanner, Jr.
Historian	Dr. George Monroe
Chaplain	Arthur Ingles

The floor was opened for additional nominations. There being none, the nominations were closed and the entire slate was elected by acclamation.

Chapter Registrar Al Sloan reported the chapter had 301 active members with an additional 14 dual members, 26 applications in process and 50 prospects. He then swore in one new member, Finis Crawford "Bud" Kerr whose ancestor was Lambert Lane.

As dual memberships will no longer be tracked by state, the Chapter Treasurer will be responsible for keeping track of those members wishing to pay for dual status. The first \$12.50 for 2009 for a dual member was collected for Harmon Adair.

TXSSAR Color Guard Commander Mike Radcliffe, Northern Color Guard Commander Peter Rowley and FSP Dick Arnold awarded Chapter Color Guard Commander Captain Bob Northcraft with a promotion to the rank of Major in the TXSSAR Color Guard. In addition, Robert W. Tanner, Jr. was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the TXSSAR Color Guard.

Chapter Color Guard Commander Major Bob Northcraft issued a call for Color Guard members to attend a George Washington Society event at the home of Harlan Crow. The Society raises funds for the support of Thanksgiving Place. He then introduced Charles Smith, a Navy veteran, FAA employee and avid photographer and awarded him a Certificate of Appreciation. In addition, Bob announced the award of Certificates of Outstanding Citizenship to Bill Adams and Daniel Adams who supplied the new truck for David Hall and the Liberty Bell.

Second Vice President Frank Pounders then presented the Law Enforcement Medal and certificate to Tracy Pounders for his work in law enforcement. He also presented War Service Medals and certificates to Lawrence Crapo and Louis E. Willis.

There was no old business brought forth.

Under new business Chapter President Clark reminded the chapter of the Dinner scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on November 28, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel on Central. The speaker for the evening will be Lloyd Bockstruck. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and are for sale today.

First Vice President Hank Voegtle then introduced Catherine Miller of the David Pendleton Chapter, Children of the American Revolution who gave The Americanism Presentation on the recent national election. The main speaker, Benjamin Hinckley, President of the Texas Society of CAR, was introduced and spoke on the original Texas Rangers and their service at The Alamo. He then discussed plans for an exhibit at the Texas Rangers Museum in Waco and requested the assistance of SAR members in providing leadership support for CAR members. Ben was then presented a Certificate of Appreciation and our traditional miniature Liberty Bell.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Temple  
Secretary  
Dallas Chapter, TXSSAR