

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter #2

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICA REVOLUTION

January 10.2009

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:33 AM at the Highland Park Cafeteria, (Casa Linda Plaza, Dallas, Texas) by Chapter President, Robert Clark. Members had processed through the Cafeteria breakfast line.

Chaplain Art Ingalls reported there were no sick members and then gave the Invocation for the day as well as a brief memorial prayer for Compatriot William Smoak.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by John Carney. The Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Frank Pounders. The Salute to the SAR Flag was led by David Temple.

PCP Tracy Pounders led the singing of the first stanza of "America."

PCP Ralph McDowell introduced the day's Greeter PSP Dick Arnold.

Nine guests were introduced including one prospective member Steve Roberts and Jim Spell who has submitted his papers for membership. Compatriot Olin Lancaster has returned from Florida and will be an active member of our Chapter.

Jokemeister Art Ingalls shared one of his more humorous jokes.

Officers Reports: The minutes of our December 13, 2008 meeting had been posted on our website and approved. Chapter Treasurer Bob Spence gave his report. There were 40 Members in attendance as well as the 9 guests. He also reported there was \$1,921.89 in the Chapter checking account, \$8,404.61 in the Minuteman Fund, and \$30,197.64 in the Richie Fund.

PCP Ralph McDowell gave an update on our Chapter's dues team. Only about 30 members have not paid their dues so far. Ralph also stated he needs more help calling the members.

Newsletter editor PCP Charles Baker made an announcement that all news articles had to be submitted by the 20th of January 2009 in order to be included in the next issue.

Registrar Al Sloan reported that there were no new members to induct into the chapter and that we presently have 288 active members and 30 members that have not paid their dues for 2009. Grady Fairbairn made an announcement that he was correcting the Veterans point sheet and needed input.

Color Guard Commander Major Bob Northcraft made the announcement that he had attended a luncheon given by the Military Order of World Wars Dallas Chapter on January 6, 2009. The MOWW presented him with a certificate of Commendation for our Chapters Color Guard for winning back to back (first place 2007-2008) as a marching unit in the Dallas Veterans Day Parade. He presented the Certificate to the Chapter with his congratulations. He then called upon David Temple and Robert Tanner II to come forward at which time Compatriot Temple was presented with a certificate of promotion to Sergeant. The Major also requested that all Color Guard members who marched in the Veterans Day parade in November come to our meeting in February dressed in uniform for a group picture.

Additional Certificates (and first time Bronze CG Medals) were handed out to those members of the CG who had participated in more than **five** CG events during 2008 by Vice President Pounders.

Chapter President Bob Clark continued with appreciation comments to all members who assisted with activities and he presented Certificates to his officers and various members. He extended his apology to Ralph McDowell, Tom Smith, and Maj Douglas Peabody on their perfect attendance and not having their award Certificates ready. In recognizing of last years (2008) Committee Chairmen: James and Grady Fairbairn/Veterans Affairs, Ralph McDowell/State Fair, John Morton/Poster Contest, Mark Hansen/Essay & Eagle Scout, Don Hatch/Oration he also extended his apology for not having their Award Certificates ready for presentation.

Old Business: Nothing was discussed.

New Business: PCP Mark Hanson was called forward by PCP Bob Clark to swear in the newly elected Chapter Officers for 2009. New Officers are:

President: Henry "Hank" Voegtle
1st VP (Programs): Frank Pounders
2nd VP (Awards): David Temple
Secretary: Robert "Bob" Northcraft
Treasurer: Robert "Bob" Spence
Chaplin: Art Ingalls
Registrar: Robert Tanner Jr
Historian: Dr George Monroe

New President Hank Voegtle presented out going President Bob Clark with a plaque of appreciation for his service to the chapter in 2008. Hank also presented Bob with a "Past President" pin.

Alan Christian , winner of the Gary Sisson Golden Sledge Hammer Award for 2007, called all previous winners that were in attendance to help him make the presentation to the 2008 winner. The winner of the "Golden Sledge Hammer Award" for 2008 was Major Robert "Bob" Northcraft Chapter Color Guard Commander and newly elected Secretary.

Chapter Treasurer Bob Spence conducted the drawings for the door prize.

Chaplin Art Ingalls gave the Benediction.

The SAR recessional was given by Hank Voegtle.

Meeting was adjourned @: 9:33 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert "Bob" Northcraft
Secretary
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