

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter #2

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

September 12, 2009

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:15 AM at the Highland Park Cafeteria, (Casa Linda Plaza, Dallas, Texas) by Chapter First Vice President Frank Ponders. The Breakfast bar had not been set up on time so Ponders opened the meeting early, conducting the meeting for Chapter President Hank Voegtle who was delayed, arriving at 8:25 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Smith; the pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Charles Baker, the SAR Pledge was led by Frank Ponders. The first stanza of "America" was led by Tom Smith. Frank Ponders gave the opening invocation.

A working break was called for members and guests to go through the Breakfast line

August meeting minutes were approved and posted on the Chapter Web page.

There was no old business to discuss.

New business: President Hank Voegtle stepped down from chair to introduce a motion to offer a proposal to the Circle 10 Council of the Boy Scouts of America for a class to support Boy Scouts earning the American Heritage and Genealogy Merit Badges. President Voegtle pointed out that these merit badges earn scouts extra credit in the SAR Eagle Scout scholarship program. First Vice President Ponders called for the motion and Mark Hansen seconded the motion. An open meeting vote was taken by raised hands and the motion was passed unanimously.

The question was presented concerning moving the Dallas Chapter to a new meeting location by President Voegtle. 1st Vice President Ponders called the motion, D.A. Sharpe seconded the motion. An open meeting vote was conducted by a raised hand vote. The motion was defeated (11 for and 16 against). Eight members abstained from voting.

A motion was introduced by Charles Baker to find another meeting location and Jim Fairbain seconded the motion. President Voegtle appointed Charles Baker, Tom Smith and Bob Clark to form a committee with Baker as Chairman to explore another meeting site for the Chapter.

Americanism: Two presentations were given. Compatriot Mike Petridis presented "Never Too Old" and Compatriot Ralph McDowell presented "Inventing America".

Greeters: Dr George Monroe, Ralph McDowell, Bob Kittrell.

Officers and Committee Report:

President Voegtle made the announcement that it was a moot point about attending the Texas State Fair and participating at the DAR house on the Fair grounds.

First Vice President Frank Pounders did not offer a report.

Second Vice President David Temple presented several awards. DAR member Jeanette Prasifka was awarded the “Daughters of Liberty Medal” as well as a certificate for her dedicated program of retiring American flags. Compatriot Robert Kittrell was awarded a certificate for his 45 years of membership in the SAR. Compatriot D.A. Sharpe was awarded a certificate for his 20 years of SAR membership. Compatriot Hank Voegtle was awarded a certificate for his 10 years of SAR membership. A Flag certificate was awarded to Patriot Chester Bentley for his effort of flying the American flag correctly.

Secretary/Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft reported on three Color Guard events for the month of September. He also made an announcement of the 8 hour seminar on the “US Constitution” to be held in September privately.

Treasurer Bob Spence reported there were 35 members and 10 guests present. Spence also reported as of August 31, 2009:
The Ritchie Fund has \$30,143.36
The Minuteman Fund has \$8,344.36
The Chapter Checking fund has \$2,098.80

Chapter Registrar John Guittard made the announcement there is a backlog of membership applications.

BOM Committee Chairman Charles Baker reported on the progress of the Fall BOM and some of the events that will take place.

Compatriot Drake Peddie, Plano Chapter, made an announcement concerning the SAR Oration program.

First Vice President Pounders introduced Compatriot Lloyd Bockstruck as the guest speaker. Compatriot Bockstruck spoke on the topic of Patriots with French surname connected to the American Revolution.

Bob Spence conducted the door prize drawing. Frank Pounders offered the Benediction and the SAR recessional was led by President Voegtle .

The Chapter meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted.

Robert “Bob” Northcraft
Secretary
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