

February 12, 2011

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Dallas Chapter. TXSSAR Sons of the American Revolution.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by President David Temple. The Pledges of Allegiance to the United States flag, the Texas State flag, and the SAR flag were respectively given by Tom Smith, Jim Templin, and Mike Radcliff. The greeters, Robert Kittrell and Jim Templin, were introduced by the Head Greeter Ralph McDowell. Tracy Pounders once again was called upon to lead attendees to sing *America*. Compatriot Frank Pounders gave the invocation.

Among the ill members was Laurie Crapo, who is home from the hospital; David Hall, who is dealing with pancreatic cancer with treatment with alternative medicine in Ecuador since he has no medical insurance; and Compatriot Art Ingalls, our jokemeister. All of these men need our prayers.

Compatriot Ralph McDowell reported in an e-mail on February 1, 2011 that F. Glen Collier, who was a member of the Dallas Chapter and past President of the Mesquite Chapter, had passed away.

Maggie Coleman of Coppell High School was presented a certificate of appreciation and scholarship of \$300 for winning the Essay Contest by Compatriot Bill Richardson. Good job, Bill and Maggie.

President David Temple recognized state officers Mike Radcliff, State Registrar, and Peter Rowley, VP District 11, and Hamron Adair, Jr. VP District 6. Also he mentioned that Chapter Registrar John Guittard was absent so no report was available.

Jokemeister Charles Baker was in rare form with Valentine jokes, although our regular but ailing Jokemeister Art Ingalls has been missed with his brand of humor.

Bob Northcraft spoke in detail about David Hall and asked for donations to help pay for his treatment with alternative medicine in Ecuador. Also he promoted President Temple to Captain in the Color Guard for his hard work in the Dallas Chapter. Furthermore he presented Charles Baker and Tom Whitlock with exceptional awards for their work in the Color Guard and an exceptional parade master award to Tom Smith for work done in parades.

President David Temple mentioned the TXSSAR Annual meeting at the Sheraton Grand DFW Airport Hotel March 24 thru March 27, 2011 and the events taking place at that time. He may still need volunteers to register members coming to the Conference. Moreover, he stated that there would be a silent auction.

Buttons of George Washington were given to those present to wear in honor of President's Day by President David Temple.

Treasurer Jim Fairbairn reported that 36 members and 14 guests were present. There was \$3,310.80 in the checking account, \$8,388.63 in the Minuteman Fund, \$30,356.39 in the Richie Fund. Guests included Barbara Baker, Bradley Sue Howell, Mark Howell, Henrietta Slagle, John Hayes, Maggie Coleman, Peggy Coleman, Ed Coleman, Phil Cekal, Donna Cekal, David Wallace, M. Luke Berry, and Hany Friedm.

Compatriot Bill Holland was presented a birthday cupcake by Compatriot Ralph McDowell. One look at Bill's face and anyone could tell that Bill really appreciated the recognition.

Nick Harper reported he received no responses from the police or fire departments for awards. He has received responses from several high schools for good citizenship awards.

Former President Ralph McDowell reported that \$50 was received from Safeway for their 1% contribution from member's card usage at Tom Thumb.

Bob Northcraft introduced the guest speaker John Hayes, a veteran American pilot in Vietnam and civilian pilot formerly with Braniff and U.S. Airways. He had an interesting life story and told about his narrow escapes as a pilot while in the Air Force. He has been heavily involved in casework in the community helping war veterans to receive declarations for exceptional service and those that need help with the veteran's administration. He believed SAR, with its principles of patriotism, character, and integrity were in line with his beliefs. Bob presented him with a liberty bell and certificate when he was finished.

Secretary Robert Kittrell gave an Americanism speech on the legendary feats of General Wayne Anthony, known as "Mad Anthony," in the American Revolution.

There was a drawing for door prizes held by Jim Fairbairn and everyone seemed pleased who won.

Chapter Chaplain Frank Pounder gave the benediction and President David Temple adjourned the meeting at 10:00p.m.

Corrections to the January 8, 2011 meeting: Former President Frank Pounder made most of the award presentations rather than President David Temple. Also the latter didn't receive an award for work done with the Color Guard. The word Stark was misspelled. President David Temple gave outgoing President Frank Ponders a 2007 proof set of the one dollar coins of the first 4 American Presidents.

Respectively,

Robert Kittrell,

Secretary