

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION – Dallas Chapter

Presbyterian Village North

July 9, 2011

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chapter President David Temple. He asked for a sick call report and invocation from Chaplin Frank Pounders who led the invocation after mentioning that Compatriots Dick Arnold was in rehab and Gerald Tyler had undergone surgery.

VP of District 6 Harmon Adair led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag, while the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Chapter President David Temple, and the Salute to the S.A.R. was led by FCP Charles Baker. All members joined in unison singing of the first stanza of "America."

FCP Ralph McDowell introduced today's greeters Compatriot Dan Nicewander and Secretary Robert Kittrell.

FCP and Jokemeister Art Ingalls told a brief but very funny joke.

Officer Reports:

No corrections were made for the minutes of June 2011.

Registrar John Guittard inducted Adam Tauzel as a new member into the Chapter. Three memberships have been completed but haven't been certified. There are now 291 members in the Chapter with the new member. An added note, if you are a new member or not, see David Temple for some position of responsibility since there are many in the Chapter.

Color Guard Commander, Charles Baker, reported that there were 8 Chapter members and 40 Cub Scouts, Webelos, and other Scouts who marched in the Lake Highlands parade on July 4. In the Park Cities parade five members participated. By the way, more Chapter members are needed in the Color Guard. If interested in serving in that capacity, see Charles Baker.

Treasurer James Fairbairn reported that there were 44 attendees with 34 members and 10 guests. Financially there is \$4,331.11 in checking, \$8,398.57 in the Minuteman Fund, and \$30,484.30 in the Ritchie Fund.

Second Vice President, Nick Harper, was absent so no awards were given.

Newsletter editor, Dr. Baker, reported that Mark Howell is now the newsletter editor. He remarked that there is a new VA drop off location for donations at another entrance of the Activities Center building.

Chapter President David Temple mentioned new business including an Expense Reimbursement Form for members and the publication of the revision of the Chapter bylaws in the July/August Newsletter.

Dues Team Leader Ralph McDowell remarked that the Chapter had been approved again for the Kroger shopping plan and invited members to shop Kroger and enroll or re-enroll. He spoke of the bonus check for \$323.77 received from Kroger for 2011 for members in the Donation Program. This program does help to defray Chapter expenses.

First Vice President, Bob Northcraft, introduced the Americanism speaker, Bob Warren, who told about the amazingly high auction prices of American Revolutionary flags such as 14 flags that brought a total of 17.4 million dollars when researching Betsy Ross on the Internet.

First Vice President, Bob Northcraft, introduced the main speaker, George Susat, on the topic, Lexington Minutemen, in regards to their clothing and equipment. George remarked that he was wearing the authentic clothing of a soldier, carrying his cartridge box and food bag with utensils as well as food, along with his musket. Also he stated that the militiaman carried a fresh change of clothing for one day. He demonstrated the loading and firing of a musket from his collection, along with describing the differences of muskets. (He brought four muskets with him.) Also he showed visuals of groups of soldiers with power point. In addition he gave a very interesting history of the beginnings of the American Revolution and the parts that various militias played in battles. After his presentation he was given both a Certification of Appreciation and a Liberty Bell by FVP Bob Northcraft.

Treasurer James Fairbairn conducted the door prize drawing.

The S.A.R. Recessional was led by Chapter President David Temple.

The Chapter meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectively yours,

Robert Kittrell, Secretary