

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

August 13, 2011

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 8:30 AM at the Presbyterian Village North Retirement Community by Chapter President David Temple.

Chaplin Frank Ponders gave both the call for those recently deceased including Compatriots Robert J Spence and James G. Robertson and the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag was led by Ralph McDowell, followed by both the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag by Mark Howell and the Salute to the S.A.R. flag led by Chaplin Frank Ponders. Tracy Ponders led the Chapter in a rousing singing of the first stanza of "America."

FCP Ralph McDowell introduced the greeters Chaplin Frank Ponders and Compatriot Dan Nicewander.

Jokemeister Art Ingalls told a very funny one liner.

Officer Reports

The minutes of the July 2011 meeting stood as posted with no corrections.

Registrar John Guittard reported that there were 280 active members, 22 dropped for nonpayment of dues, and 6 deceased. He inducted three new members into the Chapter today, namely, Mark Howell, Philip Cekeal, and Harry Friedrich.

Color Guard Commander, Charles Baker, wasn't present for a report since he was on vacation.

Treasurer, Jim Fairbairn, reported that the total attendance was 50 with 38 members and 12 guests. He stated that there was \$4,472.40 in the Checking Account, \$8,399.94 in the Minuteman Fund, and \$30,412.37 in the Ritchie Fund.

Second Vice President, Nick Harper, presented a SAR membership certificate and pin to Col Carlos A. Hedstrom, Jr., for 20 years as a member of the Chapter, and Art Ingalls for 25 years as a member of the Chapter also.

President David Temple reported several matters that caught his attention. The VA donations must be picked up at the designated entrance. The President General is going to have the new memberships completed in 6 weeks. Also the revision of the bylaws of the Chapter will be in the next newsletter.

FCP Tom Whitelock spoke of two matters concerning the Chapter, namely, a visit to the American Revolution Exhibit on display at NTSU and participation in a the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in their annual toy collection and Holiday decorations for the patients. As to the former, all Compatriots are invited to visit a very special collection of memorabilia and historical

documents during August-December. In the rare book room of the Willis Library will be displayed materials about the American Revolution and patriots, the national SAR organization, and the TXSSAR. The latter pertains to contributions of animals, puzzle and board games as well as books to the children at Scottish Rite Hospital for Christmas with contributions being collected by Tom Whitelock at the September and October meetings. The decorations can be a Christmas tree ornament, a small artificial tree, a wreath, or a jack-in-the-box.

FCP Ralph McDowell reported that the Chapter received \$42.60 in awards from Tom Thumb. He also wanted those who shopped at Kroger to apply for an awards card.

First Vice President Bob Northcraft was the Americanism speaker of how the soldiers, after the Revolution, journeyed west to claim their acreage (given by the government as payment to serve in the war) by putting a mark on a tree with a "tomahack" which later was called "tomahawk." This let others know that the property belonged to another.

Registrar John Guittard was introduced by FVP Bob Northcraft as the main speaker who discussed DNA Analysis and its uses. After his presentation, John Guittard was awarded a Liberty Bell by Second Vice President Bob Northcraft.

Treasurer James Fairbairn conducted the door prize drawing.

Chaplin Frank Pounders gave the Benediction.

President David Temple recited the S.A.R. Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned 10:00 a.m.

Secretary, Robert Kittrell