

February 14, 2015
MEETING MINUTES OF
DALLAS CHAPTER #2

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



President **George Ramphrey** called monthly meeting to order at 8:30am in the dining room of the Presbyterian Village North retirement community in Dallas, Texas. The group was led in the invocation by Chaplain Frank Ponders. Pledges to the **United States Flag** and **Texas Flag** were led by incoming **President George Ramphrey** and **FCP Bob Clark** respectively. **FCP Rob Kettrell** led the affirmation to the **SAR pledge**. Next, Compatriot **Tracy Ponders** lead the attendees in “*My Country Tis of Thee.*” The group was led in the invocation by Chaplain Frank Ponders.

Head Greeter, Ralph McDowell recognized **Frank Ponders** as the greeter for the morning’s meeting . **President Ramphrey** recognized visitors and guests for the morning’s meeting. This was followed by a joke from **Dr. Charles Baker**.

Program



1st Vice-President Mark Hansen introduced the main speaker for the morning, **State Representative Jodie Laubenberg**. Representative Laubenberg is on the Texas House Committee on Elections; the Public Health Committee and has helped pass legislation on water security. Representative Laubenberg made a presentation on “Mid-Term Legislation”



1st Vice-President Mark Hansen presented Representative Laubenberg with a certificate of appreciation along with a Liberty Bell for her desk in Austin. Representative Laubenberg encouraged the membership to remain active in the State and local government.

Eagle Scout Award

This year’s Eagle Scout Award winner is Ryan Lastufka as recognized by Eagle Scout Award Chairman, Hank Voegtle. Mr. Lastufka is also the Knight Essay Contest Winner which is a unique distinction. Mr. Lastufka’s essay on “European Rivalries and the Revolutionary War” placed 3rd in the TXSSAR statewide contest. The letter from Joe Allen Rice TXSSAR Chairman for The Knight Essay Contest was read for the membership. Mr. Lastufka received certificates for the Eagle Scout Award and the Knight Essay Contest along with a copy of the Constitution and a check from the Chapter. Mr. Lastufka is pictured with his Scout leader and FCP and Eagle Scout Award Chairman, Hank Voegtle.



CAR Essay Contest



Meredeth Burke, was recognized by the Chapter for winning the CAR Essay contest. 2nd Vice-President Jim Fairbairn presented the award certificate and a check to Ms. Burke. Ms. Burke read her essay to the membership.



OFFICER'S REPORTS

1st Vice-President Mark Hansen had nothing to report at this time. 2nd Vice-President, Jim Fairbairn stated that he needed a volunteer to deliver the Jr. ROTC award at Roosevelt High School in April. President Ramphrey asked for a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as posted on the website. There was a motion and second with the minutes approved as posted.

Registrar, Jerry Pinkerton stated that Jerry Brown was working with him as he transitioned into the job as Registrar for the Chapter. He stated that there were several people who were working towards membership. Nick Harper was absent for his report, and former treasurer, Phil Ceval completed the financial report. Today, there were 32 members in attendance along with 12 guests. The current checking account balance is \$3,302.54.

John Morton, Poster Contest Chairman announced that the posters were in the adjacent room for judging this morning. He instructed the group that the posters should be judged for “Best Artwork” and “Best Research”. Members were asked to view the posters and vote after the meeting. Mr. Morton also announced that the Dallas Chapter’s American History Teacher Winner, **Sherresha Mason**, had won the TXSSAR American History Teacher category and her essay would progress to the National SAR American History Teacher Contest.



Harry Friedrich, Veterans Affairs Chairman stated that the chapter had donated 1,960 magazines to veterans at the VA. He stated that it was helpful to place a label noting the number of magazines in a stack when donating.

Rob Kittrell, Color Guard Captain announced several upcoming Color Guard activities: April 8, Colonial Day at the Providence Christian School; the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, April 11; and the Flag Pole Hill, flag retirement event on June 14th. The cost to coordinate the Flag Pole Hill event is \$300.00. The East Fork Trinity Chapter is contributing \$100.00. The Dallas Chapter needs to fund the additional \$200.00 for the ceremony. After discussion, there was a motion to use Chapter funds for this event; however, the motion was rescinded after two chapter members offered to donate the funds.

FCP and Webmaster, Dr. Charles Baker, made a plea to change the Chapter meeting scheduled on April 11 due to the Medal of Honor Parade. He stated that this could be a very meaningful event for chapter members. There was no motion to make a change at this time. President Ramphrey stated that the schedule would be discussed and that he would post the scheduled dates for meetings.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

President George Ramphrey announced that the TXSSAR Convention was to be held in Houston this year from March 27-29. He stated that rooms were available at a discounted rate for members and encouraged all to go. President Ramphrey told chapter members that there was a need to cover a financial deficit in the area of chapter awards. He called for a motion to use \$1,000.00 from the Richey Fund to cover this deficit. This money is from accumulated earnings and not the principal of the fund. There was a motion and second to use the funds in this way. The motion carried without any opposition.

Door prizes were drawn by Phil Ceval, and the benediction was pronounced by Chaplain Frank Pounders. The recessional was led by President Ramphrey. The meeting was dismissed at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Peterson, Chapter Secretary