

OCTOBER DALLAS CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

President Van Fossen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and Brent Harshman gave the Invocation. The meeting was presented a special opening film from cable TV station RFD. The film was the Pledge of Allegiance and the spoken verses of America the Beautiful. Van Fossen then led the Pledge to the Texas Flag and the SAR.

Van Fossen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced 1st Vice President Mark Harrison. Harrison introduced the morning speaker, Larry Collins from the McKinney Chapter. Larry is a 40 year History teacher at the high school and college level, now retired. His talk was described as a little history of the Declaration of Independence “It actually went into the lives of the people who were responsible for getting our Declaration written and approved.

He discussed the Committee of Five responsible for drafting the original document as appointed by the 2nd Continental Congress President, John Hancock ...John Adams of Massachusetts, Ben Franklin of Pennsylvania, Roger Sherman of Connecticut Robert Livingston of New York and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia (the man selected to actually write the document). Larry told many little know stories about each committee member and continued to cover the events leading up to the actual date of approval by the Congress (June 28th, 1776) the first signature on the document (John Hancock – July 2nd, 1776) and the official announcement to the public (July 4th, 1776). It took until August 2nd, 1776 for all 53 members of Congress to finally get each of their signatures completed.

Larry had a great amount of information and detail that many of us had not heard before. He also read from a book he used during his instructional days entitled “Our Lives, Our Fortunes, and Our Sacred Honor” by Paul Harvey.

Van Fossen thanked Larry for his presentation and then introduced SAR State President Drake Peddie .Peddie explained that since the State email distribution system- dada – had been down for a few days, he would give us an update on the State of the State:

1. There will be no face-to-face meetings at the State level for the rest of the year.
2. Although the Fall BOM Meeting scheduled for 11/12-11/14 had been cancelled, a ZOOM BOM Meeting with ZOOM committee meetings during the same week is now planned. Registration information and schedules will be forth coming
3. 2021 dues statements are being sent next week and the on-line dues statements have been available since 9/12, but could not be announced due to the email problem. He urged all of us to get our dues payments in by 12/31/2020. Any dues payment received after 1/31/2021 will be considered delinquent and will cause you to be dropped by National. This will cause a Reinstatement Form and an extra fee.

OFFICERS REPORTS

1st Vice President-Mark Harrison announced that our November meeting will be moved from our regular second Saturday of the month , the 14th to Saturday, November 7th @ 9:00 am so as not to conflict with the ZOOM BOM Meeting on the same date (14th). Our speaker that morning will be James Battles from our Chapter

2nd Vice President-Jack Carpenter had to leave our broadcast due to a previous commitment but has filed his report with the President.

Registrar-Jerry Pinkerton and Assistant Registrar Mark Morgan now have completed two off-site , in-home new member inductions, 3 just received approved applications, 2 new submitted Supplementals and a total of 20 new members to be inducted in the coming weeks. Jerry has also developed an off-site program and a ZOOM program to move our new members through the induction process quicker.

Historian-Brent Harshman was given credit for securing the opening video from the local Cable TV station and is also planning with them a Flag Certificate presentation.

Treasurer-Nick Harper submitted the current, year to date budget and the proposed budget for 2021. Both of these are on file with the President and will be reviewed by the Chapter Board of Managers.

Color Guard-Bill Watts gave an update on the Color Guard activities – an in-home induction of JD and Brandon Martin (with a breakfast provided for all!!!), Posting of the Colors for the DAR Chapter in Waxahachie and helping the Edmond Terrell Chapter present their Public Service Awards to the Sherman Police Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Van Fossen announced that the slate of Officers for 2021 is now being formed by the Nomination Committee Chairman Tom Whitelock. If you are interested please contact Tom as the slate will be published for the November Meeting, voted on at the December Meeting and sworn in at our January 2021 Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Van Fossen reviewed the dues request and payment options as outlined earlier by State President Peddie.

Compatriot Bill Watts gave the Benediction.

Joseph Slonaker won the door prize- a Chapter hat and a bottle of wine.

Van Fossen led the SAR Recessional and adjourned the meeting at 10:02 am.

REMINDER.....THE NOVEMBER MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH AT 9:00 am....watch your email for agenda and ZOOM LINK

Submitted by Acting Secretary Van Fossen