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TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Denton Chapter #23, TXSSAR Inc. Newsletter

"Patriotism, American History, & Education"

Minutes for the Meeting of May 6, 1999

Vice President James Johnson began the meeting with the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States and to the SAR followed. John Greer District Vice President, TXSSAR then presented the program, "Timothy Murphy, The Best Shot in the American Revolution." Following the program, Mr. Greer was presented a Certificate in appreciation of an excellent narrative. Mr. Greer also gave the Chapter a Flag Certificate with the stipulation that a U.S. Flag be obtained from our local Congressman and presented to a deserving school.

A proposed amendment to Article II-Fees and Dues was read and a motion to accept the amendment made by William Vaughn. Gerald Brenholtz seconded the motion and the ensuing favorable vote was unanimous.

Treasurer, William Vaughn reported that \$39.00 had been spent for supplies and \$24.45 for postage, leaving a balance of \$331.60 in the General Fund and \$210.00 in the Memorial Fund. The Chapter's share of dues for 1999 has not been received from the State Office.

The SAR closing was followed by the closing prayer by Chaplain Tom Bailey.

Respectfully submitted,
Samuel Haynes

ARTICLE II - FEES AND DUES

Initiation fees and annual dues shall include all those dues and fees established by the National and State Societies plus an additional Ten Dollar (\$10.00) Chapter dues. National and State Society dues and fees will be invoiced and collected in accordance with TXSSAR policy. The TXSSAR returns portions of the fund collected to the Chapter to defray operating expenses of the Chapter. Local dues to be paid directly to the Chapter Treasurer who will be charged with the duty of maintaining complete and accurate records of those members who have paid said Chapter dues.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

GENEALOGIST - The Genealogist shall be charged with assisting new members with filling out membership papers, research when able, and providing information of member family histories to the State Genealogist when requested. The Genealogist shall also sit on the Chapter Board of Managers.

HISTORIAN - The Historian shall be charged with maintaining the Chapter Scrapbook, and documenting Chapter functions. The Historian will also sit on the Chapter Board of Managers.

JUNE 3RD MEETING

Building an SAR Awards Program

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION

OUTSTANDING HISTORY TEACHER

POSTER CONTEST

ORATORY, ESSAY CONTESTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARD

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President

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Samuel Haynes

Treasurer

William Vaughn

Chaplain

Tom Bailey

Historian

Tom Cain

Geneologist & Membership

Gerald Brenholtz

A friend recently asked, "Isn't it mostly a waste of time to dwell upon the past, thinking about what long deceased relatives have done?" And I once overheard a shop foreman remark, "He's taking a history course." "What a waste." "Who cares what those old fogies did?" "We know a hundred times as much as they did." But History is not just about the past, although many derive satisfaction from learning and knowing about our forefathers' contributions to humanity. History is about the future. It is about the knowledge of those things done in the past which we will want to continue in the future. And it is about learning from past mistakes and how to prevent repeating those mistakes in the future. We have noted in past months, thoughts of John Lock, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Patrick Henry, and others which are manifest in the actions of our forefathers and even in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

To be continued

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