

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

October 13, 2007

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:29 a.m. in the Mesquite Room at the Embassy Suites, (13131 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas) by Chapter President, Charles Baker. Most members had processed through the breakfast line.

Chaplain Frank Pounders reported there were no known ill and led us in a word of prayer.

John Morton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, Jim Templin the recently revised Pledge to the Texas Flag and Randy Jones led the Salute to the SAR Flag. Tracey Pounders led the Chapter in the singing of "America".

Past Chapter President Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeters, George Monroe and Mike Radcliff.

Guests and prospective members attending the meeting were introduced.

Arthur Ingalls entertained the attendees with a humorous story.

Last month's minutes created by Chapter Secretary Byron Christian were approved as posted on our website.

Second Vice President Allen Christian stated that there were no presentations or announcements to be made at this meeting.

Treasurer Hank Voegtle announced that there were 41 members and 10 guests attending the meeting for a total of 51 attendees. He stated that as of the end of September we had \$1704.31 in the Chapter checking account, \$8,630.69 in the Minuteman Fund and \$28,877.15 in the Richie Fund.

Past President Tom Smith announced that there are three open slots for Chapter Officers for next year. These slots include the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents and Sergeant-at-Arms. Volunteers or nominees were solicited. These positions need to be filled soon.

President Charles Baker announced that we were in need of Chairmen for the American History Teacher Award Contest and the CAR Essay Contest. Volunteers were requested.

Registrar Gerald Irion swore in four new members:

- Dan Riddlesperger whose ancestor was Christian Riddlesperger
- Tony Riddlesperger whose ancestor was Christian Riddlesperger
- John G. Riddlesperger whose ancestor was Christian Riddlesperger
- Jeremy Johnson whose ancestor was John Christian Olinger

This brings our total of registered members to 306. We have had 29 new members and 6 transfers this year and there are currently 8 applications in work at National for approval. This was Gerald's last action as Registrar for the Dallas Chapter. Effective immediately the position will be held by Al Sloan.

Harmon Adair announced that he has received a request from the Garland ISD for Color Guard members to present the colors and visit classes at a special American History Day at Walnut Glen Academy on November 9th. He requested that any volunteers contact him as soon as possible.

Old Business:

President Baker announced that tickets are still available for the Dinner Meeting scheduled for November 10th. Price is \$40 per attendee through the end of the meeting today. Subsequent pricing will be \$41 until November 3 when it will be \$50 per attendee. The dress code will be Tuxedo, Dark Suit or Color Guard Uniform.

New Business:

- We have the opportunity to rent a trailer to decorate as a float in the November 10th Veteran's Day Parade in Downtown Dallas but need a vehicle to pull it. The trailer will be used to carry those members who are unable to walk the full parade distance. Bob Clark volunteered his jeep to pull the trailer.
- President Baker announced that he had e-mailed this last month's newsletter to all those who had responded to the e-mail questionnaire and requested a show of hands of all those who had received it and liked this approach. There was much discussion about the e-mail approach and, after some debate, a move was made and seconded to solicit all members and give them an opportunity to decide whether or not they want to receive the newsletter via e-mail or snail mail. Volunteers for phoning the membership were solicited. Paul Dodson volunteered. More will be needed.

First Vice President Bob Clark introduced Bob Spence who made the Americanism Presentation about Revolutionary War Hero Brigadier General Hugh Mercer.

First Vice President Bob Clark introduced our Main Speaker, Will Ford Hartnett, Texas Legislator and Lawyer, whose presentation was about "The Texas Legislature as it pertains to Texas History". He spoke about the recent transfer of responsibility for 17 Historical Sites from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to the Historical Commission.

Compatriot Paul Dodson asked the attendees to seek out prospective new members for CAR.

Attendees were also requested to update all support activities for Veteran Affairs and send them to either Chairman Grady Fairbairn or James Fairbairn not later than December 29, 2007.

After Treasurer Hank Voegtle presided over the door prize drawings the Benediction was given by Chaplain Frank Pounders, followed by the SAR Closing. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12.

Respectfully submitted,
Byron Christian, Secretary, Dallas Chapter-TXSSAR