



Minutes of the Meeting
12 Oct 2017
William Hightower Sons of the American Revolution

President Stuart Hoyt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed the guests that we had for the evening.

Invocation was provided by Compatriot Don Chandler.

Pledges to the U. S., Texas, and SAR flags were given.

President Hoyt open with a short review of the Battle of Germantown and the Chew Mansion that took place on 4 Oct 1777.

Old Business:

Secretary Minutes: The minutes from the September 17 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Report: Operating Account has \$1,840.31 and the Scholarship account has \$2,075.56.

Motion to accept the report was made by Compatriot Delashmutt and Seconded by Compatriot Pryor. Reported accepted by a vote of "ayes."

Registrar Report: 6 new and 1 supplement applications, and 10 applications and 4 supplements in-process. If anyone is interested to being the assistant Registrar to help Compatriot Pryor, please let Pres. Hoyt know

Historian Report: Pres. Hoyt states the chapter is still in search of a person to be the Historian.

Presentation: None

New Business:

Orations and Essay Committee: Committee Chair, Compatriot Cox had 5 orators submit packages for competition. The competition was held at the San Marcos Public Library and Ms. Hannah Bliss was selected as the winner and will represent the Chapter at the Fall BOM. The competition's second place winner was selected to represent Region 5, however, due to a family commitment the winner was unable to attend.

Compatriot Cox asked Chapter members for a motion to purchase two \$40 tickets for the Fall BOM luncheon to supplement the state's two tickets, so Ms. Bliss' entire family could attend. The vote was all "ayes" from the chapter members.

Scouting: Committee Chair, Compatriot Krueger presented a three-part program for the Chapter's scouting program.

1. SAR recognition Program- Chapter certificate for any new Eagle Scout.
2. Contest SAR Sponsor Eagle Scout essay contest along with a four-generational family chart.
 - a. First place – Local - \$100 check and a certificate
 - b. First place – State - \$2,000 check and certificate
 - c. First Place – National - \$10,000 check and certificate
3. Merit Badge Counselor. Chapter members must complete an application form with the Boy Scouts. The merit badges that SAR members could counsel on include:
 - a. American Heritage
 - b. Citizenship-Community
 - c. Citizenship-Nation
 - d. Citizenship-World
 - e. Genealogy
 - f. Law

Compatriot Krueger also stated the Boy Scouts requests that chapter member complete the voluntary "Youth Protection Training" training program on the Scout website (about 40-minutes in length). The

training meets state laws, is free to take, training is good for two years, and protects chapter members while working with youth.

The total budget for Chapter's Scouting program for one year would cost the Chapter \$286.74.

Compatriot Krueger made the motion to accept the three-part program and annual budget of \$286.74. Compatriot Browne second the motion and the motion was passed with all "ayes."

Pres. Hoyt stated that a Chapter member, Compatriot Delashmutt had donated \$100 toward the Chapter's scholarship fund. The money will be given as the "*E.N. Delashmutt Scholarship*" which will add another \$100 each year, over the next ten years, to what the Chapter already presents to the winner. So that first place winners will now receive \$200, second and third place winners will be \$100 and \$50 respectively.

Pres. Hoyt also covered:

1. The chapter's newsletter was out.
2. He would also like a personal bio on each chapter member.
3. Veterans would have not received their SAR Service Medal to give a copy of their DD Form 214 to Secretary Blauvelt.
4. If you visit a Veteran, please provide that information so the chapter can apply for the John Stark award.
5. The chapter is still looking for a representative for the SAR History Teacher award.
6. Flag Recognition program, tell Pres. Hoyt if you know of worthy recipients.
7. Is anyone interested in a SAR/DAR Christmas Party?
8. The chapter will be the host for the 2018 Fall BOM. Need to start setting up a team to organize and coordinate the event.

Guest Speaker: District 3 Vice President, Mr. Frank Rohrbough. His comments include the State's goals of to boosting membership numbers, moving the SAR magazine on-line, and more volunteers to help with National Committees.

Next, Vice President Rohrbough gave an in-depth review of General Washington New York's 6-member spy ring and the circuitous route they used to smuggle of tactical information to Gen. Washington.

Next Meeting is scheduled for the evening of 9 Nov 2017 at the same venue.

Benediction was given by Don Chandler.

Recessional was led by President Stuart Hoyt

Adjournment was at 2020 PM

Members Present, 14

Guests Present, 2

Total Attendance, 16