



Minutes of the Meeting
14 January 2016
William Hightower Sons of the American Revolution

President Stuart Hoyt called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and welcomed all.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Jerry Bullock.

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

President Hoyt welcomed the many guests, recognizing potential new members and the Essay Contest winner.

Program: For the January meeting, the program included the presentation of the Essay Contest winning essay by the author, followed by the business meeting.

1. Presentation of Essay Contest winner by Compatriot Joe Cox, speaking of the selection process and the quality of the entries.
 - a. The award recipient, Hanna Robinett read her winning essay to the membership.
2. Welcoming of Transferring member into the William Hightower Chapter:
 - a. Compatriot Richard Garsnett was welcomed into the chapter from the Richard Montgomery Chapter in Ohio
 - b. Compatriot Garsnett spoke of his Revolutionary War patriot ancestor, Archibald Carmichael who was a private in the North Carolina Militia

Old Business: The Minutes for the December 2015 meeting were approved by a vote. Registrar Patrick Hollis gave the status of current

applications and mentioned the associate members (Robert Starnes, Jim Lanning and Tom Jones) in attendance, as well as the many other applications in-progress .

New Business: President Hoyt reminded members that the Chapter's constitution and by-laws have been rewritten and are available to the membership. President Hoyt put forward his desire to get the Chapter's Color Guard up and functional again. He talked about the militia uniform he was wearing and made another pitch to the membership to obtain a period uniform. Again a request was made for compatriots to continue their research into their Revolutionary War Ancestors and get bios to Compatriot Mike Pryor for inclusion on the chapter web site. President Hoyt has set a goal for the Chapter of inducting 10 new members in the coming year. Compatriot Patrick Hollis mentioned the SAR articles from the chapter that are now appearing in the Herald-Zeitung every other Sunday and has recommended that members write letters to the editor. Lastly, President Hoyt indicated that with his upcoming schedule, Chapter Secretary Tim Killam cannot continue to serve and he made a request for a volunteer to serve as Secretary for the upcoming year.

Next Meeting is scheduled for the evening of 11 February 2016 at the same venue.

Benediction was given by Chaplain Jerry Bullock.

Recessional was led by President Stuart Hoyt

Adjournment was at 7:52 PM

Members Present, 16

Guests Present, 10

Total Attendance, 26