



Minutes of the Meeting
9 February 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 Cliff Caskey.

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

President Hoyt opened with a short history lesson about Old Mother Covington and Daughter, two canons at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in 1776.

Old Business: The Minutes from the January 17 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Presentation: Pres. Hoyt presented the following awards and certificates:

Compatriot Don Allen

- Military Service Medal
- War Service Medal with Vietnam bar

Compatriot Timothy Jones

- (accepted by proxy: Everett Delashmutt)
- War Service Medal with Global War on Terror bar

Compatriot Thomas Jones

- War Service Medal with the Vietnam Bar

Broken Arrow Ceremony

Pres. Hoyt and Dr. Hollis read the names of the 46 chapter members who have passed on.

New Business:

Treasurer, Stan Trull reported that the Operating Account had \$1,139.76 and the Scholarship Account had \$1,060.18. A motion was made by Compatriot Polk to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Compatriot Colantoni. Report was accepted by the 'ayes'

Pres. Hoyt explained that he had purchased historical documents from the SAR store, framed them, and presented them to the Round Rock 5th Grade History classes. Pres. Hoyt asked for a vote as to whether he could be reimbursed for the purchase and all voted in the "ayes"

Registrar, Mike Pryor reported that the Compatriots Aaron Nelson, Jason Nelson and Corey Nelson's applications had been approved. Also, Compatriot Don Allen's supplements application had been submitted, and that 9 potential applicants had approached Compatriot Pryor.

Pres. Hoyt asked all committee chairs to submit their annual budgets to Compatriot Trull no later than 26 Feb.

The Executive Board Selection committee reported the following compatriot nominees for the 2017 Executive Board:

President: Stuart Hoyt

Vice President: Stephen Polk

Secretary: Edward Blauvelt

Treasurer: Stanley Trull

Registrar: Mike Pryor with Kris Kreiger as backup

Historian: Stuart Hoyt

Chaplain: Jerry Bullock

A motion was made by Compatriot Caskey to accept the names and seconded by Compatriot Colantoni. The 'ayes' carried the motion.

Pres. Hoyt called for an Executive Board meeting for 4 March from 1000-1200 at Compatriot Jerry Bullock's home.

Pres. Hoyt explained how chapter member's bios were to be used to collect data for awards and to help the Selection Committee find new Executive Board members. The Chapter still needs bios for each Compatriot Ancestor for our and National website. Pres. Hoyt stated that he has been advised that there is an awards program for the chapters as they complete certain percentages but have no details at this time. Please send your bios to Mike Pryor our chapter Registrar.

Pres. Hoyt also asked each compatriot to provide, if possible, a bio of their ancestor to Compatriot Pryor for inclusion on the SAR site.

Pres. Hoyt stated that the naming our chapter newsletter has been postponed until Mar. 2017 and there is still the \$25.00 prize for the winning name.

Pres. Hoyt reminded everyone of the George Washington Proclamations being carried out in local city halls with our Chapter members' support. Compatriot Joe Cox will supply the names and after action report in March. Pres. Hoyt also reminded everyone of the 18 Feb. Laredo, Texas George Washington Parade and celebration.

Pres. Hoyt told the members, that our Chapter will host the 2018 Fall BOM.

Pres. Hoyt stated that members could go online to the SAR site and order the 2018 National Conference medal.

Pres. Hoyt explained, that Dr. Hollis was able to negotiate another year's worth of articles with the Herald-Zeitung Newspaper.

Pres. Hoyt explained that the Eagle Scouts, Oration, Essay, and History Teacher of the Year programs are all part of the objectives and goals of the SAR and are suffering because of the diminishing participation. Each Committee Chairman, at State, made a plea to revitalize these programs.

Pres. Hoyt explained his Grave Marking plan for 2017 and is looking for support with this work on Memorial Day and Veterans Day at Veterans graves within the local area.

Pres. Hoyt reminded that every Chapter Veteran should send their DD Form 214 to the Secretary so the appropriate Military Service and War campaigns can be recognized.

Pres. Hoyt reminded the members that everyone can help to fill the Stark Report each Feb. If you know a Veteran and visited him/her in the hospital, or attended his/her funeral, or visit his/her grave, that counts. If you honor veterans on Memorial or Veteran's Day, or attend a Veteran's hospital, or assist a veteran with genealogy, they count. Please let the President or the Secretary know.

Pres. Hoyt pressed for greater recruitment. He said we need to work on new members and our own relatives.

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

Benediction was given by Jerry Bullock

Recessional was led by President Stuart Hoyt

Adjournment was at 8:05 PM

Members Present, 20 (with four in uniform)

Guests Present, 8

Total Attendance, 28