

**Sons of the American Revolution Meeting Minutes
Dallas, Texas Chapter – April 12, 2008**

Meeting started at 8:35 a.m., 2nd Vice President Frank Pounders, presiding (President Clark and 1st VP Voegtle were out of town and unable to attend)

General Notes

1. Attendance: 30 members and 4 guests.
2. 2nd VP Pounders gave the sick call report and led the invocation.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Charles Baker.
4. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Tom Whitelock.
5. The Salute to the S.A.R. Flag was led by Ralph McDowell.
6. PCP Tracy Pounders led the singing of the first stanza of “America.”
7. PCP Ralph McDowell introduced today’s greeters, David Temple and Dr. George Monroe.
8. Today’s guests included Alex Pounders, Walter Thomas, and Montye Whitelock.
9. Chaplain Art Ingalls provided some levity with a joke.

Committee Reports

1. Treasurer (Bob Spence):
 - a. checking balance : \$3,694.14
 - b. Minuteman balance: \$8,372.89
 - c. Richie fund: \$29,628.81
2. Dues Team (PCP Ralph McDowell):
 - a. 23 members were inactivated
 - b. 5 delinquent members have promised to pay their dues in full.
 - c. An additional 4 or 5 members have promised to get re-instated
3. Registrar – no new members were inducted.
4. Color guard – Color Guard Commander Major Bob Northcraft gave an update on the color guard’s recent and planned future activities.

Old Business

FCP Charles Baker reported on the chapter awards won at the recent state convention:

1. SAR Patriot Medal was presented to PCP Charles Baker. It is the highest award that a state Society can present. It features an image of General Douglas MacArthur.
2. The Patriot Medal was also presented to dual member Peter Rowley.
3. The Meritorious Service Medal was presented to PCP Charles Baker and to Mark Hansen.
4. The Alexander Hamilton Medal and Pin was awarded to Mrs. Elvin Brown and to Bob Coker.
5. The Dallas chapter won numerous awards including the:
 - a. Adrian Drouilhet Award for highest number of new members
 - b. Colonel Joe M. Hill Patriot fund Award
 - c. TXSSAR Flag Presentation Award
 - d. John Bruce Steward Jr. Memorial Award for Veterans Activities
 - e. E. A. Limmer Award for highest number of Supplementals
 - f. Certificate of Appreciation
 - g. Outstanding American History Teacher Award
 - h. James M. Looney Elementary School Poster Contest 3rd place winner for the poster entitled, "Molly Pitcher."
 - i. TXSSAR Americanism Award.
 - j. TXSSAR Outstanding Chapter Award (over 14,000 points).

No other Old Business was discussed.

New Business

Motion

Martin Lyford made a motion to not mail out chapter newsletters to those members who have e-mail addresses.

Second: TXSSAR President Harry Fife

Discussion followed

Martin Lyford restated motion to now read "email the chapter newsletter to those who have an email address and send the chapter newsletter via regular U.S. Mail to those who do not have an email address."

Discussion continued.

Vote: Yea 14 Nay 10 Abstain 6 The motion carried.

No other New Business was discussed.

Guest Speaker

PCP Charles Baker was the Americanism speaker and also introduced the guest speaker, TXSSAR President Harry Fife. President Fife provided a summary of the activities at the state level and summarized methods to raise member dues participation, to liaise with DAR chapters, and to increase media awareness of TXSSAR efforts. President Fife was presented with a miniature cannon award for his speech.

Benediction – given by 2nd VP Frank Pounders followed all attendees stating the S.A.R. recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.