

Meeting Minutes
Of The Sons of the American Revolution
Dallas Chapter #2
February 9, 2013

The Chapter meeting was called to order by President, Nick Harper at 8:30am in the dining room at Presbyterian Village, North. Frank Pounders gave sick-call and led the morning invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chapter Historian, Harry Friedrich; the Pledge to the Texas Flag by Secretary, Alan Peterson; the SAR pledge was led by Registrar, George Ramphrey, and Tracy Pounders led the group in singing "My Country Tis of Thee".

The following guests and visitors were introduced: Chris Oyster, prospective new member; Nancy Burke along with sons Chandler and Trevor, who are CAR members; TXSSAR Color Guard Commander Peter Rowley and Mike Radcliff, Vice Commander NSSAR; Bill Steele, National Director of the Eagle Scout Program; Drake Peddie from the Plano SAR Chapter, and Barbara Baker, spouse of Dr. Charles Baker and today's Americanism speaker. Following introductions, Dr. Charles Baker presented a joke for the group.

President Nick Harper recognized former President Bob Northcraft with a Plaque and a Past President's pin for his work with the organization for the year 2012. Mr. Northcraft stated that he appreciated all the efforts of the members and officers to make the organization successful.

1st Vice President Bob Kittrell, introduced today's Americanism speaker, Barbara Baker. Mrs. Baker gave a presentation on the roles of women in the American Revolution. The presentation made the group aware of some little known information on women who were supportive of the soldiers during the war. At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Baker was presented with a certificate of appreciation by 1st Vice President, Kittrell.

Chapter President Nick Harper stated that he had received an email from someone regarding the State Chapter Knight Essay Contest. This email was passed on to Drake Peddie, from the Plano Chapter. President Harper also noted that the chapter had had several donations for the TXSSAR State Convention Silent Auction. He stated that 3 items had been donated thus far: 2 Original 13 State Coin Albums and a new 3x5 feet National SAR Flag. These items were given to Mr. Peddie for submission for the State TXSSAR Convention Auction. Mr. Peddie stated that he was continuing to collect items for the silent auction to be held during the TXSSAR State Convention. Proceeds from the silent auction go toward the Patriot Fund for TXSSAR. Thus far he has about 40 items for the auction. The goal is to raise about \$1500 for the fund. He stated there will be a raffle for a Flintlock, along with accompanying items. Tickets are \$5 each and are available starting today.

President Nick Harper commenced the Officer and Committee Reports by presenting the 2013 proposed budget. A point of order was noted concerning the group having a quorum for voting on the budget. President Harper noted that a quorum per *Roberts Rules of Order* was 1/20 of the membership. He then

called for a count of members present. 39 members were present which exceeded the number required for a quorum. A motion was made by Tracy Pounders to accept the budget as proposed, a second to the motion was noted. The vote was by a show of hands with 34 members voting to approve with none voting to disapprove.

Chapter President, Nick Harper gave Chapter Historian, Harry Friedrich a news article from the Dallas Morning News concerning the Dallas SAR Chapter's Veteran's Day Parade participation to be included in the historical records of the chapter.

President Nick Harper recognized TXSSAR Chapter President, Bob Clark to give an update on the upcoming State Convention in Dallas. State President, Clark recognized Dr. Charles Baker for his work as the Chairman for the State TXSSAR Convention. Part of the convention will be held on the SMU Campus. There will be transportation available from the Wyndham Hotel, Love Field to the SMU campus. On Friday evening, there will be a reception at State President Clark's home. On Saturday, there will be an awards luncheon which will include award ceremonies for scouting and emergency services. Saturday evening will include a formal dinner, and there will be a meeting of the TXSSAR Board of Managers on Sunday Morning. This fall, there will also be a TXSSAR Board of Managers meeting in Houston. President Clark also noted that he will be attending a large celebration of George Washington's birthday in Laredo, Texas. He stated that TXSSAR will march in the Laredo parade. It was noted that there were a large number of residents in Laredo who are direct descendants of Patrick Henry.

President Harper noted that the Dallas Chapter has two members running for State TXSSAR officers: Hank Voegtle, for State TXSSAR Secretary; and David Temple for State TXSSAR Registrar for the Inland Region.

President Harper recognized Bob Northcraft for his work with the Flags for Fallen Vets program. This program places a flag on every veteran's grave at the Dallas National Cemetery. President Harper asked Mr. Northcraft to take up a collection for this effort using his tri-corner hat. President Harper made an initial \$20 contribution. \$255.00 was collected as reported by Phil Cekal, Chapter Treasurer.

1st Vice President, Bob Kittrell presented a list of speakers for the chapters meetings for 2013. The published list was passed out to members for review.

2nd Vice President, Mike Petridis encouraged members to be aware of anyone in the community who may be eligible for awards from the chapter. He noted that there was an upcoming visit to the Providence School where members dress in period costumes. April 3rd is the proposed date for the event at the Providence School. The March Chapter meeting will involve recognizing and awarding certificates to fire, police and emergency personnel in Dallas. JROTC Medals will be presented in April to local high schools.

Secretary Alan Peterson gave a report stating that the previous month's minutes were published on the chapter's website. There was a motion and second to approve the previous month's minutes as published. The motion carried by voice vote.

Phil Cekal, Chapter Treasurer stated that there were 39 members present along with 8 guests, and the checking account had \$2,979.07 on hand.

Registrar George Ramphrey gave the report on membership status. He stated that there were currently 281 members with 3 dual memberships for a total of 284 members on roll. He also stated that there was one new member to be inducted to the organization today. Mr. Ramphrey asked Mr. Jay Bourden to come to the front for swearing in. Mr. Bourden was sworn in and presented with his membership pin and certificate.

President Nick Harper recognized Mr. Peter Rowley, TXSSAR Color Guard Commander for the purpose of promoting some of the Dallas Chapter Color Guard members. Past President, Bob Northcraft gave an introduction to the Chapter Color Guard designation and a short profile of each member eligible for promotion. Commander Rowley then recognized each person eligible for promotion: Dr. Charles Baker was promoted to the rank of Colonel and was noted to be the Northern Color Guard Commander; George Ramphrey was promoted to Captain of the Color Guard; and Tom Whitelock was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the Color Guard. Bob Northcraft noted that the Chapter already had its spot for the 2013 Dallas Veteran's Day Parade in November. The Chapter would be in slot 13 and Mr. Northcraft noted that the Chapter won 1st place in the 2012 parade. The trophy was available for viewing by the membership. He noted that they wanted to take the liberty bell for the upcoming parade as well, but a new truck was needed to do so.

Historian and Veterans Affairs coordinator, Harry Friedrich thanked the group for donations to veterans and stated that the magazine donations were appreciated.

Greeter, Ralph McDowell noted that there are currently 50 "no-pay" members. He stated that last year a flier had been very effective in obtaining back dues and recommended that the same procedure be used again this year. He also stated that the chapter had received a check from Tom Thumb for \$31.59.

Mr. Bob Northcraft presented the name of David Burrell as the winner of the American History Teacher Award. Mr. Northcraft stated that he had met with and presented Mr. Burrell with the award at Mr. Burrell's high school in Keller. A photo of the presentation was passed around for member viewing

Hank Voegtle came forward to present the Chapter's Eagle Scout Award. Chandler Burke, a senior at St. Mark's High School received the award. Mr. Burke had received all of the merit badges that are awarded by the Boy Scouts of America Organization. State TXSSAR Chapter President, Bob Clark made the presentation of the award to Mr. Burke. Mr. Bill Steele, the National Director for Eagle Scouting was on hand and spoke a few words to the group and assisted in presenting the chapter award as well as a

scholarship check to Mr. Burke. It was noted that a very small percentage of scouts obtain all of the organization's merit badges. Mr. Burke's mother and brother were on hand for the ceremony.

Mr. Bob Northcraft came forward to announce the 2012 winner of the Knight Essay Contest: Ms. Amber Johnson. Ms. Johnson was unable to attend to read her winning essay for us, but Contest Chairman, William Richardson will present the check to her at a later date. Young Chandler Burke received a Knight Essay winner's check from State TXSSAR President, Bob Clark on behalf of his sponsoring Essay Chapter (East Fork-Trinity).

American Poster Contest coordinator, John Morton came forward and announced that the American Poster Contest submissions were available for member viewing and voting today. Submissions were based on "The Declaration of Independence". Members were to vote based on two categories: best artwork and best research. Members are to vote after the meeting concludes today.

Door prizes were awarded by Chapter Treasurer, Phil Cokal.

Chapter President Nick Harper called for Chaplain Pounders to offer the closing blessing and the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted: James Alan Peterson, Secretary, SAR Dallas Chapter, # 2; February 2013.