

Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Pensacola Chapter
October 11, 2016
Minutes

President Lies called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chaplain Matthews gave the invocation. President Washler led the Pledge to the Flag, the Pledge to the SAR and the American's Creed. Eight members (Chris Washler, Bob Canavello, Ray Judd, Lonnie Jones, Bill Nobles, John Matthews, Bill Lies, and Randy Turner) and 4 guests attended. President Washler welcomed all in attendance.

The minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting were accepted by acclamation. There was no September meeting due to the annual picnic which was held on September 24th. The secretary announced that the dues notices for 2017 will be in the mail this month.

There was no Treasurer's report due to the recent turnover of the office. The last report had the balance at \$485.00. Treasurer Lies has obtained the checkbook and is meeting with the bank to arrange the correct signature cards and obtain a recent statement of the account.

Committee Reports:

Further discussion was held on reconstituting the Color Guard.

The Battle of Pensacola is in need of a committee to arrange the next commemoration in early May 2017. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact President Washler.

Wreaths Across America is rapidly approaching. Volunteers are solicited. We have 1 reservation already. The wreath laying will occur in early December so it is imperative that volunteers come forward soonest.

Secretary Canavello announced that the next awards program will be the First Responder Awards in March. The solicitation letters will go out in January with nominations due in February.

Members are needed for the Eagle Scout awards committee, ideally someone involved with local scouting or a former scout. The program recognizes new Eagle Scouts as they are promoted and administers an annual scholarship contest. The scout who submitted his entry to us for that contest last year won 3rd place in the FLSSAR competition.

Old Business:

President Washler reported on the success of the annual "End of Summer" picnic which was held in September.

New Business:

President Washler presented videos reporting on the various SAR youth programs. Discussion ensued on our desire to participate in these programs. We currently do the ROTC/JROTC, Eagle Scout, Good Citizenship in the Schools, and first responder programs. Others as the Rumbaugh Oration, History Fair, and other essay and poster contests would be relatively easy to launch if committees could be formed. The current programs are all administered by the Secretary, with Bill Nobles chairing the Good Citizenship program and the Secretary preparing and distributing the several hundred certificates. So more participation would be greatly appreciated.

The President announced a membership challenge. Should a member sponsor 1 new member, a challenge coin will be awarded. For 3 new members, the sponsor's chapter dues for the next year will be paid, and for 5 new members the sponsor will have his entire dues (national, state and chapter) paid for the following year.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1st at Sonny's Restaurant on Navy Boulevard at which time Congressman Jeff Miller will be awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal on the occasion of his pending retirement.


Robert Canavello, Secretary