

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
Sons of the American Revolution

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Saturday, February 19, 2011

Call to Order

Compatriot Bailey, President called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the George Washington Birthday meeting and luncheon held at the Casa Capelli Restaurant, Ashtabula, OH. He greeted Compatriot Dick McFeaters who was sitting with his family who were helping him to celebrate his 82nd birthday. President Bailey invited everyone to sing "Happy Birthday" to Dick.

Invocation

An invocation was given by Compatriot Jim Pildner, Chaplain Protem.

Pledge of Allegiance/SAR

Compatriot Bailey, President led everyone in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance and then called on the Compatriots assembled to join him in the Pledge to the SAR.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

In the absence of the Secretary, Compatriot Bailey reported that the minutes had been shared on the Chapter website. No additions or corrections were noted. A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Compatriot Bob Howe and seconded by Compatriot Jim Gilbert. The motion carried.

President's Report

Compatriot Bailey thanked the Color Guard and other members who participated in the Ashtabula County Bicentennial Celebration on January 20, 2011 at the Geneva Public Library. This was a joint event conducted by NEOSSAR #12 and the Ashtabula County Genealogical Society. Compatriot Bob Howe was individually thanked for playing the drum as part of the Color Guard.

The following upcoming events were announced:

- April, 2011: Color Guard ~ Maple Festival Parade in Chardon, OH
- April/May, 2011: OHSSAR Annual Meeting in Cleveland, OH
- May, 2011: Color Guard ~ Blossom Time Festival in Chagrin Falls OH
- May, 2011: Color Guard ~ Patriotic Concert in Burton, OH
- June 14, 2011: Flag Day ~ Program to be announced
- July, 2011: Ft. Laurens BOM and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Dedication
- September 10, 2011: Austinburg Country Days Parade and Chapter Meeting. Line up @ 11:00 a.m., meeting to follow at a local restaurant.
- October 8, 2011: Covered Bridge Festival Parade in Jefferson, OH

Secretary's Report

No report due to the absence of Secretary, Compatriot Brian Cook.

Treasurer's Report

Compatriot Bailey gave the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Treasurer, Compatriot Brian Johnson. He reported the following balances:

Checking ~ \$ 640.00
Savings ~ 241.42

Total ~ \$ 881.42, as of February 19, 2011

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Compatriot Tim Ward and seconded by Compatriot Ray Shore. The motion carried.

Registrar's Report

Compatriot Tim Ward, Registrar, reported that the Chapter continues to receive applications due largely to the efforts of President Bailey.

OHSSAR Report

Compatriot Tim Ward, Past President of the Ohio Society reported that the Annual State Meeting will be held the first weekend of May, 2011 in Cleveland, OH. He also reported that the NSSAR's "Center for Advancing America's Heritage" new research library in Louisville, KY is open and invited all Compatriots to "stop in and check it out." He concluded his report by announcing that the National Congress will be held in North Carolina in July, 2011.

Unfinished Business

Report of the Nominating Committee

The report of the Nominating Committee, Co-Chaired by Compatriots Pildner and McFeaters, was given as follows:

- President ~ Compatriot Troy Bailey
- 1st Vice President/Genealogist ~ Compatriot Dick McFeaters
- 2nd Vice President/Program ~ Compatriot Jim Pildner
- Secretary ~ Compatriot William Howe
- Treasurer ~ Compatriot Terry Robinson
- Registrar ~ Compatriot Tim Ward
- Chaplain ~ Compatriot Vernon Palo
- Historian ~ Compatriot Jim Blake

Compatriot Pildner called for nominations from the floor. Since there were no nominations from the floor, and no objection was raised, the Nominating Committee requested a motion that the nominative ballot be declared the elective ballot and that the Slate of Officers as presented be declared duly elected to the Office to which they were nominated. Compatriot Bob Howe made the motion and it was seconded by Compatriot Tim Ward. The motion carried.

Installation of Officers

Compatriot Tim Ward, Past President gave the newly elected officers their Oath of Office and declared the Officers for 2011 duly installed.

New Business and Correspondence

Compatriot Gage Georgeff reported that a Military Show is going to be held on Friday, March 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Lakeland Community College. Tickets are a donation of \$4 per person.

Compatriot Georgeff also reported that the Sons of the Union Veterans, descendents of members of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be hosting an Abraham Lincoln dinner on April 9. More information will be distributed via the Chapter website and newsletter.

Recess

A recess was declared by Compatriot Bailey and everyone enjoyed their lunch.

Program

The meeting was reconvened following lunch by Compatriot Bailey and a program on "Increase Blake" was given by Compatriot Jim Blake who portrayed his patriotic ancestor Increase Blake who served as an apprentice to his father who was also named Increase Blake, a tinsmith in the city of Boston, colony of Massachusetts. As Increase Blake, Compatriot Blake, told the story of the Blake Family and personal accounts and recollections of colonial life and living conditions at the time prior to and through the historic events of the Revolutionary War.

Compatriot Blake's wife, Mary Ellen, ably assisted him during this presentation. At the conclusion of this first person characterization, he was greeted with appreciative applause for a unique family perspective on the Revolutionary War.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Compatriot Vernon Palo and seconded by Compatriot Bob Howe. The motion carried.

Closing SAR Obligation

Compatriot Bailey, President led the Compatriots assembled in the Closing SAR Obligation.

Benediction

The benediction was given by Compatriot Vernon Palo, Chaplain.

Adjournment

Compatriot Bailey, President, declared the meeting adjourned and thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and program.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Pildner

Secretary Pro-tem