

**Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
Sons of the American Revolution**

February 18, 2012

Call to Order: Compatriot Bailey, President, called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM and welcomed everyone to the February meeting in honor of George Washington.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Compatriot Jim Pildner, in the absence of Compatriot Palo, Chaplain.

Pledge of Allegiance/SAR: Compatriot Bailey led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance as well as the SAR pledge. Both verses of the Star Spangled Banner were sung.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the 11/12/2011 minutes were read and approved as read, Motion to accept the minutes made by Compatriot Pildner, second by Compatriot Ward. **PASSED.**

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Compatriot Bailey reported on the passing of Past President Dick Mc Featers, and stated that his color guard uniform was donated and that the family is creating a scholarship in his name. Compatriot Brian Johnson has had a recurrence of his illness and is under medical care.

The following upcoming events were announced: The color guard will be marching in the Maple festival either 4/28 or 4/29. Compatriot Gage Georgeff reported that a parade is being planned to be held in Willoughby 8/18, called "Last Stop Willoughby". Suggested that the color corps might want to consider marching in that parade. He reported on an upcoming Lincoln Day program to be held 4/21/2012 at Rider's Tavern in Painesville. Contact him for more information or reservations. Compatriot Bailey reported on an upcoming program to honor the 225th anniversary of the U. S. Constitution. Compatriot Bailey stated that other, yet unknown events will be published on the Society's website and/or via e-mail.

Compatriot Palo inquired whether information can be obtained about compatriots who fought in the Revolutionary War as well as the War of 1812. It was reported that there is a Society for the War of 1812.

Secretary's Report: Compatriot Howe read a thank you note from Lisa Zimmerman, Compatriot McFeaters' daughter and correspondence from Compatriot Bolinger

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Robinson was not in attendance however he submitted a treasurer's report read by Compatriot Bailey: checking account: \$440.97; savings account: \$242.02 for a total of \$610.89. It was also reported that the Life Membership reimbursement from the Ohio Society had just been received totaling \$189.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Ward reported that the tentative memberships mentioned last meeting have now all been approved; Compatriot McClellan's secondary application has been approved. The Chapter's nominee in the statewide Eagle Scout essay competition, J. T. Ward finished second. Compatriot Ward reported that the next State meeting is being held in Lima, Ohio the first weekend in May, and that Compatriot Bailey is a candidate for State Registrar. So far he is the only candidate for this position. Compatriot Bailey reported that the Chapter now has 93 members.

OHSSAR Report: No report.

Unfinished Business: None.

Report of the Nominating Committee: The nominating committee, made up of Compatriots Tim Ward, Jim Pildner and Brian Johnson prepared the slate of officers for the new year: All the officers who were nominated by the committee are unopposed with the exception of First Vice President. Nominees for this office are Brian Johnson and John McClellan. Motion made by Compatriot Tim Ward to elect by voice vote all unopposed candidates. Second by Compatriot Bob Howe. **PASSED.** Candidates for the office of First Vice President were given a few minutes to "campaign". Compatriot McClellan spoke, and Compatriot Pildner spoke on behalf of Compatriot Johnson due to his absence.

New Business and Correspondence: Ballots for the contested office were distributed, collected and counted. The result of the balloting was that Compatriot McClellan was elected First Vice President. Compatriot Ward made the motion to destroy the ballots, second by Compatriot Bailey. **PASSED.**

The order of business was suspended as lunch was being served. Following lunch the meeting reconvened.

Compatriot Bailey introduced the newest compatriot, Martin Hillyer. Compatriot Tim Ward administered the oath of membership and provided him with his certificate of membership and the SAR lapel rosette. Compatriot Hillyer spoke briefly about his ancestor and included the line from the hymn, My Country 'tis of Thee and concluded with the question, "which part of this country is mine?" and reflected on how he has the blood of a patriot flowing in him.

Installation of Officers: Compatriot Pildner administered the oath of office to all duly elected officers for the upcoming year.

Program: Compatriot Pildner began the program by providing a brief discussion on the life of George Washington and handed out a fact sheet of some of the notable events during his life. He discussed some of the brief correspondence between George and Martha Washington, brief as many of their correspondence has been destroyed as part of Washington's wishes. Compatriot Pildner did report on three letters that survived and he talked about Washington's thoughts and fears as he was named Commander in Chief of the Continental Army.

Compatriot McClellan reported on Washington's exploits during the French and Indian Wars and passed out a copy of a map used by Washington to accompany his report to Gov. Dinwiddie of Virginia on his journey to the French Commandant.

Compatriot Pildner concluded the program discussing Washington's Inaugural Addresses (the first being over 1,000 words; the second being 160 words which he read) and Washington's Farewell Address (6,392 words) and concluded with some quotations from Washington. Compatriot Pildner reminded the compatriots that these addresses have several references to God. Compatriot Ward reported on a book he read recently, Original Intent, by David Barton detailing the religious beliefs and attitudes of the founders.

Compatriot McClellan handed out information regarding the grave marker dedication being held for General McClelland and his son, Ensign John McClellan on May 19, 2012 in Uniontown, PA. He stated that this town is very near Ft. Recovery and if anyone is interested in attending the grave marker ceremony a side trip to Ft. Recovery is only a few miles away. He also reported on the upcoming commemoration of the Battle of Sandusky, 230th anniversary, being held in June 2012.

Prior to adjourning, at the recommendation of Compatriot Ward, Compatriot Palo offered a prayer in memory of Compatriot McFeaters.

Motion to Adjourn: made by Compatriot Bob Howe, second by Compatriot Tim Ward. **PASSED.**

Closing SAR Obligation: Compatriot Bailey led those assembled in the closing obligation.

Benediction: Compatriot Palo, Chaplain, offered the benediction.

Adjournment: Compatriot Bailey adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted,
William Howe, Secretary