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

## February 21st, 2015

**Call to Order:** Vice President Jim Pildner called the meeting to order at 11:47 AM. The meeting was held at Rivalry's in Austinburg, OH. There were 10 members and 8 guests present

**Invocation:** Invocation was given by Compatriot Jim Gilbert, Chaplin Pro Tem.

**Pledge of Allegiance/SAR:** Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited by all present and the SAR Pledge was recited by all Compatriots present.

**Minutes Report:** Minutes of the previous meeting, November 15, 2014 were posted online at the NEO#12 website and a copy was available at the meeting. Compatriot Tim Ward made a motion to approve the minutes and Compatriot Jim Pildner seconded. Motion carried.

**Presidents Report:** Vice President Pildner welcomed all in attendance. He thanked those that participated with the Blue Star Mothers dinner with the Veterans from the VA. He had a card from the Blue Star Mothers thanking us for our participation and invited us to help with another dinner set for April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The May meeting will be a joint meeting with the Ashtabula County Genealogical Society to view Compatriot Paul Wilke's presentation of "The Captain Howard Miller Memorial Flag Collection" entitled "A History of the United States of American and Her Flags". The meeting will be held on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> in Geneva.

**Secretary's Report:** Compatriot Matheke explained that December and January have been busy months. He submitted the following reports to the State and/or National: Partners in Patriotism, Wreaths Across America, USS Stark Award, Americanism Award and Outstanding Chapter Award.

2014 was a very successful year and scored very well in many categories on the Americanism score sheets. As a chapter we have been busy at the National, State and Local levels.

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted in writing from Steve Hinson. Dues collection and then payment of dues to the State and National was the major transactions this period. The Chapter has a balance of \$1724.16.

**Registrar's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

## **New Business:**

Jim Pildner presented the slate of Candidates for office for the upcoming year. They were:

Troy Bailey-President

John McClellan-1st VPG

Jim Pildner-2nd VPG

Dan Matheke-Secretary

Steve Hinson-Treasurer

Tim Ward-Genealogist

Troy Bailey-Registrar

Vern Palo-Chaplin

Scott Wludyga-Historian

Compatriot Pildner then asked if there were any other nominations three times as required and seeing none closed the nominations. Since all positions were unopposed the slate was accepted and the above members were sworn into their offices.

Compatriot Brad Woodworth was awarded the Patriot Grave Marking Medal for his participation playing the bagpipes at our Fourth of July Grave Marking Program. He also accepted the awards for his three sons, Harrison, Wade, and Lucas who were very helpful in the set up and tear down between ceremonies.

Vice President Pildner passed out a tentative schedule of events for the upcoming year. The schedule will be posted on the website.

Compatriot Steve Hinson informed us about the ROTC breakfast and asked for volunteers to attend this function in April at Youngstown State. Steve will have the date and time, if interested please contact Steve Hinson.

**Program:** Our program was conducted by Sandy Zikursh who portrayed Betsy Ross. Her presentation was very informative dealing with the many ups and downs of her life. She asked that we make a donation to a youth organization in lieu of a speaking fee. Compatriot Jim Pildner suggested we donate \$25 to the Ohio CAR and reimburse Sandy \$10 for gas. Motion was approved.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion was made by Ken Boyles and seconded by Scott Wludyga. Motion carried.

**Closing Obligation:** Closing Obligation was recited by Compatriots present.

**Benediction:** Benediction was given by Jim Gilbert Chaplin Pro Tem

Submitted by Daniel M. Matheke Secretary NEO#12 OHSSAR