

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
Sons of the American Revolution

February 18th, 2017

Call to Order: President Troy Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:50 AM. The meeting was held at Best Friends restaurant in Geneva, OH. There were 18 members and 16 guests present

Invocation: Invocation was given by Compatriot Jim Pildner, 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 12th, 2016 were posted online at the NEO#12 website and a copy was available at the meeting. Compatriot Jim Pildner made a motion to approve the minutes and Compatriot Scott Wludyga seconded. Motion carried.

Program: We had two programs at this meeting. The first program was by Frank Vaccriallo from Sub Zero Mission. They are a charity providing assistance to homeless Veterans in the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula area of Northeastern Ohio. They are always looking for what they refer to as the “Stay Alive Five” Coats, Gloves, Hats, Boots and Sleeping Bags. 18% of the homeless in this country are Veterans, and Sub Zero does not ask why people are homeless but render assistance as they can.

Compatriot Pildner made a motion to donate \$50 to Sub Zero Mission. It was seconded by Compatriot Kenyon and approved by the membership present.

Our second program was a presentation by John Pildner on his recent trip to Washington DC to attend the Inauguration. He discussed how he was able to get tickets and how his son and daughter went with him. He wore his WWII uniform and received a lot of praise and congratulations for his service. They arrived a little late for the Ceremony but attended the parade afterward. The next day they went to Arlington National Cemetery where they located the grave of a former soldier he served with. He was approached by many tour groups and talked to many of our younger citizens about his service and life in general. It looks like he enjoyed a trip of a lifetime.

Presidents Report: President Bailey introduced the guests present and discussed the latest edition of the newsletter.

Secretary’s Report: Secretary Matheke reported that the following reports were submitted to National and State: USS Stark Award, and Americanism/PG Cup. We over achieved 11,000 points in the Americanism score and earned points in 13 of the 16 categories.

We are losing about eight members to the new Mahoning Valley chapter.

Treasurer's Report: Report was submitted in writing. As of this date we have \$2842.58 in our accounts. A large amount of this was from the payment of annual dues.

Steve Hinson informed us of this upcoming year's Patriot Grave marking schedule. We will be doing 2 dates this year at Jefferson and Wayne Townships. Jefferson is May 21st with two Cemeteries and July 2nd is Wayne with three cemeteries on the schedule.

Registrar's Report: Yearend reconciliation was completed. We currently have 123 members making us the fourth largest Chapter in the State.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Compatriot Pildner and Ward presented the slate of candidates for office for this coming year. The nominations were then opened for any additional candidates. The call for nominations was closed after three times with no further nominations being made. The following were elected for the upcoming term:

Steve Hinson	President
Jim Gilbert	1 st VP
Jim Pildner	2 nd VP
Dan Matheke	Secretary
Troy Bailey	Treasurer
Bill Robinson	Chaplain
Tim Ward	Genealogist/Registrar
Scott Wludyga	Historian
John McClellan	Newsletter Editor

Thank you to those that volunteered to take on these important positions to help keep our chapter strong and growing. The slate was approved as presented.

Induction:

Two new members were inducted to the Chapter, David English and Tom Jones. We would like to welcome them to the Chapter.

Awards:

This year our contestant for the Eagle Scout Award, Isaac Cooper. Isaac was also selected as the State winner and will now compete at the National Congress. He was presented with the Eagle Scout Medal, Eagle Scout Certificate, and a check for \$100.

Compatriot Hinson was awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Award.
Compatriot Gilbert was awarded the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal.
Compatriot Matheke was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal.
Compatriot Wludyga was awarded the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal.

The 50/50 was held and Dan and Sue Matheke was the winner of \$46. They donated the money back to Operation Sub Zero..

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made by Compatriot Pildner and seconded by Compatriot Gilbert. Motion to adjourn was approved at 1:55PM.

Closing Obligation: Closing Obligation was recited by Compatriots present.

Benediction: Benediction was given by Vernon Palo Chaplin Pro Tem.

Submitted by Daniel M. Matheke
Secretary NEO#12 OHSSAR