

NEO SAR #12
Saturday, 18 September, 2021 (in person Meeting)
12:00 p.m. Ashtabula County District Library, Ashtabula, OH

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order by President Pildner at 12:45 p.m.
Opening Thought: Essay "I Miss 9/12"
2. **Invocation by Chaplain**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **SAR Pledge**

"We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

5. **Minutes Report:** Minutes of the previous meeting, were posted online at the NEO#12 website Richard Dana made a motion to approve the minutes and Bill Robinson seconded. The Minutes were approved.

6. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report:

1. Introductions and welcome
 - Compatriot Troy Bailey - OH Society President
 - Compatriot L. Steven Hinson - National Trustee
 - Compatriot Tim Ward - Past OH Society President
2. Presentations of Membership were done by Troy Bailey with Tim Ward and Jim Pildner. New members include:
 - Dennis Gadley (Karla)
 - Ed Hanlon
 - William Kessler
 - Darrell Reed

Each new member talked about their Patriot ancestor.
Certificates and rosettes presented by Troy Bailey.
3. Welcome Compatriot Scott Goodhue - transfer from WRSSAR chapter

Special Welcome to Compatriots Bill Bolinger. Vernon Palo unable to attend as work had kept him away
4. President Pildner apologized for meeting notice and reservations if there was any confusion

B. Secretary - Bob Kenyon, Secretary Pro-tem - nothing to report

C. Treasurer - Bob Kenyon

Balance as of 8/31/2021 is \$5006.14

Troy Bailey made a motion to approve the report and Steve Hinson seconded. The report was approved.

D. Registrar - Troy Bailey

- Application fee increase - New is \$100 + \$35 + \$10 ; supplemental is \$100 + \$5
- National Committee reorganized into sub committees with an emphasis on the 250th Anniversary
- Our chapter will purchase Liberty Trees
- Ohio Country Bulletin - not everyone has received it
- Next BOM meeting is 10/16 in Belleville
- Gregg Gorzelle gave Troy an idea to apply for the SAR vanity plate through Ohio BMV

7. Unfinished Business

- OHSSAR President Bailey - update on 250th Anniversary Activities
- Reminder of America 250 SAR Semiquin Sentinel 2021
- Message from Don McGraw per the NSSAR President General
- Commander Bailey - Color Guard
 - Request for Color Guard by Brad Strong, 1st Presbyterian Church
 - October 9th Covered Bridge Festival
 - Present & Retire Colors
 - Gage Gerogeff - Americanism Chair - doing well due to flag certificates and color guard
- Grave Marking Coordinator - Steve Hinson

8. New Business & Correspondence

- Steve Hinson - Wreaths Across America: 600-700 wreaths
 - There are 500 locations in the US
 - Wreath purchase - \$15. Organization keeps \$5
- Next chapter Activity: Constitution/Citizenship Day Meeting
 - Saturday, 21 November, 2021 Noon
 - Location TBA
- Correspondence - none

9. Today's Program: "Our Constitution & the Standards of Review"

Introductory Comment

"The Constitution forms the backbone of our country and on the occasion of Constitution Day, we must thank all those who gave us such a strong constitution."

Speaker: Richard Dana, Esp. Adjunct instructor of Criminology & Justice Studies, Department of Sociology, Kent State University Ashtabula

As we approach the 250th Anniversary of our Nation's founding, Richard discussed events from The Boston Tea Party, Concord, Lexington, that set the stage for the creation of the first four amendments to the US Constitution.

10. Motion to Adjourn

11. Closing Obligation

"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a nation of free men."

Closing Thought

"You may have no other choice in choosing your citizenship, but you definitely have the option of becoming a good citizen."

12. Benediction by the Chaplain

13. Adjournment 2:02 p.m.

Submitted by Bob Kenyon, Secretary Pro-tem