

NEO SAR #12
Saturday, 19 February 2022
12:00 p.m. Ashtabula District Library, Ashtabula, Ohio
Joint Meeting with DAR Stanley Redmond Harper Chapter

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order by President Pildner at 12:10 p.m.
("experimental" joint meeting with DAR)
Opening Thought: Human side to the US Presidency.
2. **Invocation by Chaplain** by DAR member
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 Bob Kenyon made a motion to approve the minutes and Steve Hinson seconded. The Minutes were approved.

6. **Officers' Reports**

- A. **President's Report:**

1. Introductions and welcome
 - President Pildner
 - Venie Hinson, President of the DAR Stanley Redmond Harper Chapter;
 - Steve Hinson past OHSSAR President
 - Compatriot Tim Ward - Past OH Society President
 2. Presentations of Membership were done by Tim Ward and Jim Pildner.

- Venie Hinson noted that the Ladies Auxiliary supports the chapter. She and Chris Bailey lead the effort.

- New members include:

- Littleton Kirkpatrick, Jr

Searched ancestry. 1800 Election - person named "Baird" casted a key vote. Lit's great great grandfather married Baird's daughter.

- Timothy Blaine Holmes

Talked about his effort researching genealogy - family goes back to 1653 with Scottish roots

coming to America. Ancestor Moses Holmes was a representative to the Connecticut Assembly and a Justice of the Peace.

Certificate and rosette presented by Tim Ward. President Pildner welcomed the new members and pointed out the organization is non-political.

- President Pildner presented a Meritorious Service award for John McClellan, who produces the chapter newsletter. John was unable to be here today.
- Award for Military Service Medal for Chaplain Bill Robinson, who was not able to be here today.
- Award for Eagle Scout contest winner, Matthew Korver, who was not able to attend as he was at college. Award presented by Steve Hinson.

B. Secretary - Scott Wludyga, Secretary

Distinguished Chapter nomination form is being completed. We will hit all seven categories. (Five are required)

C. Treasurer - Bob Kenyon

- We are ahead of last year.

Balance as of 12/31/2021 is \$9,460

Greg Gorzelle made a motion to approve the Treasurer and Secretary reports. Seconded by Dennis Gadley. The reports were approved.

D. Registrar - Troy Bailey absent

Scott Wludyga reports our roster stands at 184 members per the list provided by Troy Bailey..

E. Auditor Report

- Steve Hinson reports the books are in good order after being reviewed. Treasurer Kenyon has done an excellent job over the past four years.

Motion to accept the report - Approved.

Old Business

Reminder sent by Troy Bailey - for dates - July 1st and Sept 16 at James A. Garfield House.

- Gage Gerogeff - Americanism Chair - Steve Hinson will take over in the new year.

8. New Business & Correspondence

Tim Ward presented a slate of officers. President Pildner asked that all be elected with one vote.

President: Gage Georgeff

- 1st Vice President: Richard Dana
- 2nd Vice President: Gregg Gorzelle
- Secretary: Scott Wludyga
- Treasurer: L. Stephen Hinson
- Registrar: Troy Bailey
- Genealogist: Timothy E. Ward
- Chaplain: William Robinson
- Historian: Bob Kenyon

Moved by Steve Hinson. Second Gregg Gorzelle. Motion Carried.

- President Pildner noted that when he first joined, he was the youngest member - and Jim took over in the late 1990s when then-president Arland Gibbs was recovering from a heart attack.

Change credit union signer from Bob Kenyon to Steve Hinson. Merlyn (Troy) C. Bailey a signature on the account is to remain a signature on the account.

Motion Tim Ward. Second Gregg Gorzelle. Motion carried.

President Georgeff provided information on a new meeting location at The Bass Lake Inn in Chardon. Lauri Ivancic provided additional information about the Dinner selections available.

Compatriot Hanlon asked about the calendar for the new year. Tim Ward pointed out that many times you need to go through the SAR website to set things up as hotels don't always have the information when you call.

Steve Hinson - Wreaths Across America - there is a backlog - so your check may not have cleared yet.

- New Member Orientation - started in this chapter - now used Nationally. New members can participate via Zoom with Steve. Any member is welcome to join
- Grave Marking coming up at Welshfield Inn on Route 422 in the Parkman area. May 28th. All are invited to participate - color guard and more.
- State Conference is April 29, 30, May 1. It will take place at Geneva State Park this year. We are the host chapter since Troy Bailey is the State President.
- Youth Programs are starting up -
 - Hope to have some posters submitted.
 - Jim Gilbert has been assisting

9. Today's Program: Presidential Love Stories - Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day

President Pildner shared some quotes.

Members of the SAR shared a few stories of how presidents and first ladies met.

11. Motion to Adjourn

12. 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 by Jim Pildner - Abraham Lincoln's comments to a journalist about Mary Tod Linclon.

Adjournment 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by Scott Wludyga, Secretary