

NEO SAR #12 Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, 13 January 2024
12:00 p.m. Meeting conducted via Zoom

1. Call to Order: Meeting Called to order by President Georgeff at 12:01 p.m.

2. New Business:

- President Georgeff proposed a motion to increase the monies awarded for various youth contests to increase participation. Discussion ensued ranging from the expense involved given the Chapter's limited avenues of income to other ways to increase participation through various community involvement which would also increase the potential for new members. Ed Hanlon made a motion to table the proposed motion to increase monies awarded for various youth contests, Tim Ward seconded the motion. The motion to table the proposed motion to increase monies awarded for various youth contests carried.
- Bob Kenyon spoke about the progress of the audit committee.
- President Georgeff spoke about the Americanism Report.
- President Georgeff proposed the Chapter become incorporated. Mark Tyler spoke about the process. Steve Hinson suggested that a resolution should be drafted so it can be voted on at the annual Chapter meeting in February. The resolution should include the endorsement of three Executive Board members. Tim Ward added that the statutory agent should also be added to the resolution. Tim Ward called for a motion to draft a resolution to incorporate the Chapter, seconded by Ed Hanlon. The motion carried.
- Steve Hinson talked about Wreaths Across America's offer of buy one wreath, get one wreath free which is in effect until January 16, 2024. There was discussion on whether the Chapter should sponsor wreaths. A decision that the Chapter would not sponsor wreaths was made, but a reminder email will be sent to the membership about the buy one, get one free offer.
- Ed Hanlon said Compatriot Bill Kennedy contacted him saying he would like to be recognized with the Veterans' Service Award. President Georgeff said he will contact Compatriot Kennedy to get the necessary documentation needed.
- Ed Hanlon mentioned there was a motion to form a committee to look into the need for a PA system that was made at the November 11, 2023 Chapter meeting. There was discussion after this motion carried that the current PA system is adequate. The current PA system was hard to hear at the Patriot Grave Marking in October because it needed new batteries. A decision was made that a committee will not be formed at this time pending the performance of the current PA system over the next few meetings/events.

- Ed Hanlon reminded the Executive Board that John McClellan will no longer be producing the Chapter newsletter. President Georgeff said he will contact Scott Wludyga to see if he has interest in doing the Chapter newsletter.
- Tim Ward suggested the Chapter recognize John McClellan for his service to the Chapter. President Georgeff agreed and said he will propose an award for John McClellan at a later date.
- Bob Kenyon asked if the Chapter has a Facebook page and if so, who oversees it. Ed Hanlon said the Chapter does have a Facebook page and believes Troy Bailey administers it. Bob suggested the Chapter increase its social media presence through Facebook and other avenues. Ed Hanlon said other administrators can be added so the responsibility does not fall solely on Troy. The Board agreed that the Chapter needs to increase its social media presence.
- Steve Hinson said we need to do a better job greeting members/guests at our Chapter meeting/events. New members should feel they are valued and simply welcoming them will help accomplish this. Ed Hanlon said he emails all new members when he receives their membership certificate to inform them when the next Chapter meeting is scheduled and that they can be formally inducted into the Chapter then. President Georgeff agreed with the idea of having a greeter at Chapter meetings and said he would act as the greeter at the February meeting.
- Tim Ward thanked President Gage Georgeff for serving as Chapter President for the last two years.

3. Motion to Adjourn – Tim Ward made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ed Hanlon. Motion carried.

Adjournment 1:35 p.m.

Submitted by Ed Hanlon, Secretary