

**NEO SAR #12  
Meeting  
4/17/2021  
Best Friends Restaurant  
Harpersfield Twp.**

**Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order by President Pildner at 11:59 am, 12 members and 2 guests present.

President Pildner gave an opening thought about a patriotic American.

The President declared that a quorum of members was present.

**Invocation:** Chaplain Bill Robinson gave the invocation

**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, were posted online at the NEO#12 website.

**President's Report:** A rosette was presented to new Compatriot Greg Gorzelle by Troy Bailey. A Memorial Certificate, in honor of Gregg's father (Walter Jerome Gorzelle) was presented by President Pildner to Gregg.

President Pildner presented the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal & Certificate to Bob Kenyon, Grave Marking Medals & Certificates to Paul Anderson and Bob Kenyon and Grave Marking Certificates to Tim Ward and Jim Pildner.

**Color Guard Commander Report:** Troy reported the Color Guard participated in the Grand Opening of the Montrose Auto Group dealerships in Kingsville, Jefferson, and Ashtabula Township. The Color Guard has been invited to participate in the Austinburg Country Days Parade in August. Troy and Steve Hinson are working on locating & identifying patriot graves for Grave Marking Ceremonies to be held on Memorial Day weekend.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob reported the balance as of 3/31/2021 is \$5334.64. Troy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Ryan seconded. Motion carried. The report was approved.

**Registrar's Report:** Troy reported our chapter has 140 members. Three applications are in review at National. As of April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Ohio Society has 1858 members.

**Unfinished Business:** Troy made a motion to purchase five grave marking medallions with funds from the Commissioners' Grant; Richard Dana seconded. Motion carried.

Gage Georgeff, Chapter Americanism Chair, reported the chapter has achieved 240 points towards the Americanism Award and 255 points towards the President General's Streamer. The Americanism scoresheet has a reduction in the number of categories from 16 to 12. Gage reminded the compatriots to forward all activity to him. His email address is [g.georgeff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:g.georgeff@sbcglobal.net)

**New Business:** Troy, OHSSAR First Vice-President, said the OHSSAR Annual Conference is still scheduled to be held in Cincinnati on May 7-9.

Troy also reported on the OHSSAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities. The committee has three areas of emphasis: 1) podcasts, 2) planting Liberty Trees in 2026 (\$203 per tree) and 3) American flags in classrooms. Richard said help is needed for our compatriot ancestor stories to be done via podcasts. His email address is [rdana@kent.edu](mailto:rdana@kent.edu). Troy made a motion for the chapter to purchase two Liberty Trees with funds from the Alexander Harper donations; Ryan seconded. Motion carried.

Troy mentioned a CAR chapter, Simon Fobes Elizabeth Harper Society, is being formed in Ashtabula, Lake and Trumbull Counties. They are accepting applications for members. Contact Steve or Venie Hinson for more information.

Ryan suggested perhaps 2 or 3 rehearsals should be held for the annual Wreaths Across America observance.

President Pildner made note that the OHSSAR Ladies' Auxiliary is selling raffle tickets for a quilt. The drawing will be held at the OHSSAR Annual Conference.

**Correspondence:** Bob read a letter from Julie Noble, a cousin of Compatriot Alexander Harper thanking Troy for his help given to many Harpers to become SAR and DAR members and enclosing a donation for the chapter in memory of Alex.

**Program:** Tim Ward, a past NEO Chapter and OHSSAR President, presented a very interesting program on the *National Conference on the American Revolution*. The SAR sponsors an annual academic conference for university-level study of the American Revolution. The specific topic of each SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution varies. But the purpose remains the same and is two-fold: 1) To have an intellectually stimulating conference; and 2) To produce a peer-reviewed volume of the papers presented at each conference. The SAR names an SAR Distinguished Scholar to facilitate the SAR Annual Conference. Previous SAR Distinguished Scholars have included Robert M.S. McDonald from the United States Military Academy at West Point; Barbara Oberg from Princeton University; Andrew O'Shaughnessy from the University of Virginia; Richard Samuelson from California State, San Bernardino; and Gabriel Paquette from Johns Hopkins University.

Tim mentioned some of the themes for past conferences and how the conferences are structured.

**Adjournment:** President Pildner adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

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

**Benediction:** Benediction was given by Chaplain Bill Robinson.

Submitted by Bob Kenyon, Secretary Pro-tem