

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
Sons of the American Revolution

February 13th, 2016

Call to Order: President Troy Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:47 AM. The meeting was held at Best Friends restaurant in Geneva, OH. There were 14 members and 7 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 21st, 2015 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 Tim Ward seconded. Motion carried.

Presidents Report: President Bailey welcomed all in attendance. He announced that this December the Chapter will be participating in the Wreaths Across America program in Geneva. Evergreen and Mount Pleasant cemeteries have been identified as the cemeteries we will be sponsoring. The Ceremony will be held on the 17th of December at noon at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Geneva.

This year we have a contestant for the Eagle Scout Award, David Wood. David was also selected as the State winner and will now compete at the National Congress.

Bryce Lake was awarded the Chapter prize for the Essay Contest and will now compete for the State award at the annual conference at the end of April.

Congratulations to both of our Youth Award winners.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Matheke reported that the following reports were submitted to National and State: Wreaths Across America, Partners in Patriotism, USS Stark Award, and Americanism/PG Cup. We achieved 10,000 points in the Americanism score and earned points in 13 of the 16 categories.

Survey forms were passed out for the Veterans Corp and were also E-mailed to all Compatriots on the current roster.

Compatriot Matheke explained some changes that were made by the National Color Guard Committee. Any local event held on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day, or on the weekend closest to those holidays will now count as a National event.

May 21st the Firelands Chapter is looking for Color Guard members to assist the DAR chapter in 2-3 Patriot Grave Markings.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted in writing from Steve Hinson. Our current balance is 2,920.60. The balance has been up and down due to collecting dues and then paying out to National for memberships.

Registrar's Report: Yearend reconciliation was completed. We currently have 122 members making us the fourth largest Chapter in the State.

Unfinished Business: None.

Program: Scott Wludyga-Historian did a presentation on Presidential Trivia. He also read from his sons book "The President is stuck in the bathtub".

New Business: Compatriot Hinson is working on this year's round of Patriot Grave Marking ceremonies. The Ashtabula Historical Society is planning tours in three different cemeteries this year and we will try to coordinate with them again this year.

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:

Troy Bailey	President
Kirk bacon	1 st VP
Jim Pildner	2 nd VP
Dan Matheke	Secretary
Steve Hinson	Treasurer
Vernon Palo	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 Chapter has 2 piggy banks that we are passing around at the meetings. One is blue for the men and the white one is for the women. These are provided to us by The Friends of Fort Laurens as a fundraiser to help rebuild the fort. Thank you to all that have donated to this cause.

The 50/50 was held and Ryan Bailey was the winner of \$30. He donated the money back to the Chapter. A motion was made by Steve Hinson to donate the money raised for our Wreaths Across America program. Jim Pildner seconded and the motion was passed.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made by Tim Ward and seconded by Ryan Bailey. Motion carried.

Closing Obligation: Closing Obligation was recited by Compatriots present.

Benediction: Benediction was given by Jim Pildner Chaplin Pro Tem

Submitted by Daniel M. Matheke
Secretary NEO#12 OHSSAR