

INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution
House of Delegates Meeting
25 July 2009

Host – Clarence A. Cook Chapter - Indianapolis, Indiana

The meeting was called to order by President Oberlin. The Invocation was given by the State Chaplin, Compatriot Don Counts. The Colors were presented by the Color Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Compatriot Cunningham followed with the SAR Pledge, led by Compatriot Cunningham. A parliamentarian was appointed and the agenda was approved. The roll call was made with all but district #4 being represented and 28 members present. The following were present:

	Chapter	Present
District # 1	Ohio Valley	Don Counts Ken Gilkey
	General Thomas Posey	0
	George Rogers Clark	0
District # 2	Daniel Guthrie	James Arnold Bob Howell Ed Hitchcock Ron Burkhart Robert Cunningham
	David Benton	John Sheets Darrrell Scifres James Harvey
	John Hay	0
District #3	Clarence A. Cook	Stuart Hart Howard Pascal Marcus Turner Graham Morey Art Bowers Earl Salisbury David Betzner Ron Darrah Jack Fife Jack Moore Steve Oberlin
	Alexander Hamilton	0
	Benjamin Franklin	Wade Harshman
District #4	William Knight	0
	John Martin	0
	William Henry Harrison	0
District #5	Continental	John Carmichael Dennis Babbitt Mark Kreps Bill Sharp Wendell Horn
	Anthony Halberstadt	0
	Seth Jewel	0

District #6	Thaddeus Kosciuszko	Roger Barnhart
	Simon Kenton	0
	Alexis Coquillard	0
	Duneland	0

Ladies Auxiliary State President Dixie Oberlin brought greetings. They are holding a silent auction for a stained glass window for the INSSAR. There were several members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance who departed for their program.

Jack Fife, a new member was inducted.

The minutes of the summer meeting were approved.

A written Treasurer's Report by Compatriot Art Bowers was submitted. It showed total Assets of \$54940.85 and total Liabilities of \$49610.78. The year to date expenses were presented against the budget. The Treasurer's Report was accepted. A Finance Committee has been established and has been working to reconstruct the financials for the past 2 years. They recommend that \$3k be removed from CDs to make up for 2009 budget gap in operations budget. Committee consists of Jack Moore, Chairman, for 2 yrs, Tom Schnuck for 2 yrs and Jim Kimbrough for 3 yrs and Art Bowers as Treasurer.

The District Director's Reports were given in writing for Districts 1, 2 & 6. Oral reports were given for District 3 & 5. These all reported chapters holding meetings. District 5 noted that the Seth Jewell Chapter has not been functioning for some time and recommended disbanding it. No report from District 4.

Registrar Howell noted in his report that proper documentation is the key to getting applications approved. There was no report from Genealogist Kreps. National Trustee Howell noted that approval had been given to start construction of the NSSAR Library. Compatriot Stuart Hart's Color Guard report was given in writing and showed that 32 events had been conducted since the first of the year. A proration of any honorarium is given to the chapters who participate in events. \$1800 from the treasury has been donated to the INSSAR Youth Programs for 2009. The account balance of the Color Guard was \$5831.52. Eagle Scout Chairman Hillenburg submitted a written report. An outstanding competition for the awards occurred this year. No report for the Knight Essay contest. Rumbaugh Oration Chairman Betzner noted that our state winner finalist in the top 6 at Congress. ROTC Chairman Howell noted that medals had been dispersed to all chapters requesting them this year. Overseas JROTC program chairman Arnold noted that 4 INSSAR chapters are participating. Written report given. Medals and Awards Chairman Cunningham requested that lists of awards made by chapters be sent to him. Membership and Chapter Development chairman Barnhart reported that names of prospects were coming in from the DAR; he is working with Steve Cox in Brookville to set up an informational meeting to establish a chapter in SE Indiana; there is a workshop in Vincennes on August 8 at the Knox Co., Library to do genealogy research on SAR applications. War Graves chairman Hitchcock reported the formation of a committee and their first meeting. Members are Burkhart, Kreps, Hammersley and Hitchcock. Veterans' Programs chairman Arnold supplied a written report and added that SAR was encouraged to visit VA clinics and hospitals. Hoosier Patriot will be posted on INSSAR website, and by email to those supplying same. 50% of emails opened in the past. Post

cards of meetings will be mailed to remaining. Awards and Recognition were made: Partners in Patriotism Certificates from NSSAR were handed out; CAR involvement by INSSAR Certificate was handed out; Memorial check of \$350 for Compatriot Chuck Peters was received. A letter from MISSAR was read regarding two of their former members who transferred to INSSAR and the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter. They were dismissed from the Michigan Society.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Chapters were encouraged to award flag certificates. Trustee Howell reported on **actions at Congress**: application fees will rise from \$60 to \$80, dues will increase from \$25 to \$30 and Junior members dues from \$5 to \$10 beginning January 2010. Compatriot Barnhart reported the George Washington Endowment Fund was at \$962K with 80% of the interest earned going to disbursements. GWEF needs to be promoted at the chapter level in order to gain new Fellows.

Budget Items: It was noted that the Color Guard has supplied \$1800 for 2009 for Youth awards to reduce the deficit, but that support was needed for the 2010 budget.

Motion made by Compatriot Bill Sharp and seconded by Compatriot Robert Cunningham to increase the INSSAR supplement fee to \$10 effective 1 January 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Compatriot Roger Barnhart and seconded by Compatriot Robert Howell that INSSAR dues be increased to \$15 effective 1 January 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

De LaBalme Historical Marker: The Indiana Historical Bureau will put of a marker along the county road off which one goes to the De LaBalme site for about \$2000. They need some matching funds. Motion made by Compatriot Kreps and seconded by Compatriot Barnhart that INSSAR establish a designated fund to erect a SAR marker pointing to the site along the county road leading to the site. Pledges made to this fund by Barnhart, Turner, Darrah, Oberlin and Cunningham.

War Site Issues: It was noted in discussion that there is another Revolutionary war site in Indiana located in the vicinity of Dunes Park along the Lake Michigan shoreline in Northern Indiana. The location is called Petite Fort. It was also noted that SAR is open to helping identify 1812 War sites in Indiana and that there had been Color Guard at some markings of such. An INSSAR committee was appointed on "Reenactment and Living History" to deal with the above issues. Compatriot Robert Cunningham was appointed chairman.

Duneland Chapter: Motion made by compatriot Sharp and seconded by Compatriot Barnhart that the new Duneland Chapter be chartered. They completed the formation process on 8 November 2008 with the filing of the IRS and State of Indiana Non-profit documents. Motion passed.

Chapter Development: the Seth Jewell and Simon Kenton chapters are small, inactive and not meeting and need to be reminded of their responsibilities under the bylaws. Motion moved by Compatriot Sharp and seconded by Compatriot Hart that Secretary

Sharp notify these chapters to (1) meet before the end of the year, (2) to submit applications for new members and (3) to gain members from At Large membership or their charter would be revoked. Motion passed.

Awards: the Liberty Medal or Clusters were awarded to Jack Moore, Mark Kreps, Ed Hitchcock and Roger Barnhart.

The Fall meeting will be held in Muncie, 17 Oct 2009 and the Winter meeting will be held in Franklin, 16 Jan 2010. Compatriot Don Counts gave the Benediction and Compatriot Cunningham led the SAR Recessional.

Respectively Submitted,

William E. Sharp, Secretary

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