



Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Society

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Hollywood Casino Hotel, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

- The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.
- The Invocation was offered by Chaplain Robert Pfaff
- The colors were presented by the INSSAR Color Guard
- The Pledge to the National Colors was led by Roger Barnhart, past Vice P.G.
- The Pledge to the SAR flag was led by President William Sharp III
- T. Rex Legler was selected Parliamentarian
- The agenda was approved
- Secretary Peters took the Chapter Roll Call of 26 Delegates in attendance. A quorum was present.

Attendance:

<u>District</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>At Large</u>
1	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend		
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Roger Barnhart	x
			David Peters	x
			William Sharp	x
			Allen Stout	
	Duneland	Valparaiso		
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers		
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	Brad Manzenberger	

	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Jeff Hornung	
	Continental	Muncie	Mark Kreps	
	John Martin	Rockville		
	William H. Harrison	Lafayette	George Franz	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	James C. Arnold Gordon Bell Ronald Burkhart Ed Hitchcock Robert Howell John Hutchinson Paul Konkle T. Rex Legler II Allen Manning James Pershing Lance Carter (dual WV)	x x
	David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry Brown Jim Harvey	x
	John Hay	Salem	Vernon W. Coats Mark Owens	
4	General Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon		
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Robert Cunningham	
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Ken Gilkey	

- The guests were introduced
 - NSSAR – Lance Carter, Vice-President General, Central District
 - NSDAR – Martha Barnhart, Treasurer General

- INSDAR – Jeanie Hornung, Regent
- Indiana Ladies Auxiliary – April Legler, President
- Donna Betzner, wife of David Betzner
- Chris Cunningham, wife of Robert Cunningham
- Debbie Franz, wife of George Franz
- Peggy Gilkey, wife of Ken Gilkey
- Marge Howell, wife of Robert Howell
- Marilyn Hutchinson, wife of John Hutchinson
- Janet Kreps, wife of Mark Kreps
- Kathy Parkinson
- Patricia Pershing, wife of James Pershing
- Donna Sharp, wife of William Sharp
- NSDAR – Cynthia Stout, VP General

Awards & Recognition:

Liberty Medal – for excellence in recruiting new members

- Wayne Eells (absent)
- Gene Printz (absent)
- Steve Oberlin (absent)
- Jeff Wilson (absent)

Indiana Veterans Battalion Certificate

- Michael L. Mullenix – Cold War (absent)
- Michael L. Mullenix – Vietnam War
- Nicholas J. Schultz – Cold War (absent)
- Nicholas J. Schultz – Vietnam War
- Bobby J. Bollinger – Cold War (absent)

Lamplighter Award – for contributions to the C.A.A.H.

- David Snodgrass (absent)
- Allen Manning

The Ladies are excused for their meeting.

Secretary:

- The minutes from the June House of Delegates were read. Motion to Approve and seconded by Compatriots Roger Barnhart and Gordon Bell. Action: Approved.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer's report was submitted (see associated file).

Genealogist Update:

- State Genealogist Robert Howell provided an update on the number of new memberships and supplemental applications processed so far this year.

National Trustee Report on Leadership Update:

- David Betzer reports that the National Society may be set to double the fee for supplement applications next year.

District Director's Reports:

- District #1 (North): Roger Barnhart reminds all of the upcoming de la Balme Commemoration near Columbia City
- District #2 (Central): Matthew Boone - no report
- District #3 (Southeast): Jerry Brown - no report
- District #4 (Southwest): John West - no report

NSSAR Color Guard Representative:

- Robert Cunningham reports that so far this year there have been seven national events attended by the INSSAR Color Guard, and the total will reach eight with the Central Districts event.
- There were 10 Color Guardsmen at Vincennes. "Need more for such a national event."
- Only eight INSSAR chapters presented wreaths at Vincennes. "It is always on Memorial Day weekend. On that Saturday at 10 a.m. You should be there for the opening colors, it's worth seeing."
- also see attached/associated online file

INSSAR Standing Committee Chair Reports

Finance:

- Steve Oberlin – no report

Budget:

- Art Bowers – see associated file

George Washington Fund:

- Roger Barnhart- reports on an interesting request from the NSSAR merchandising department. Their system had experienced a 'crash' (hardware/software malfunction). The department requested that the George Washington Fund be used to reimburse them for charges for shipped products lost during this crash. The quick consensus of Fund committee members was 'no!'. "The George Washington Fund is doing well."

Medals & Awards:

- Wayne Eells – no report

Membership & Chapter Development:

- Allen Manning – New chapter formation status in Madison. There was an area chapter in 1964, which dissolved in the early 1970's. Many current compatriots residing in the area are excited about the possibility of a new chapter, but will probably maintain dual chapter membership for the time being. Will call a meeting to formulate the chapter.

State Website:

- Steve Oberlin – no report

Americanism & Flag Recognition:

- Mark Kreps – reports a 70% chapter participation rate (issuance of Flag Recognition certificates) during the most recent quarter. Mark reminds all to send their certificate presentation reports to him quarterly.

Children of the American Revolution:

- Rick Smurdon – see associated file

Hoosier Patriot:

- Jeff Hornung – reports sending a total of 400 mailings to compatriots for a total of \$292.00.

Eagle Scout King Essay Contest:

- Randy Hillenburg – a reminder that the contest deadline is December 1st.

Knight Essay Contest:

- Doug Wilson – Doug is actively working with student classrooms in an effort to promote involvement in the contest.

ROTC/JROTC:

- Robert Howell – Bob points out that a co-sponsor is required to be considered for a S.A.R. JROTC award. Participating chapters should have a liaison present at an annual JROTC awards ceremony. The JROTC program officers and participants appreciate such an appearance. Bob reports that other organizations have had a decreasing presence at these awards ceremonies. Discussion of the Enhanced JROTC program. The Enhanced program places additional emphasis on leadership. Nominees for the program are to be made in during the candidates junior year in high school. The recommendation is to be made in cooperation with a program's principal and JROTC leader.

Rumbaugh Oration Contest:

- It is announced that Luke Jacobus is now the chair of the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. Luke is a compatriot in the Daniel Guthrie chapter, and can be contact via email at: luke.jacobus at gmail.com

Revolutionary War Graves and Patriot Grave Registry:

- Ron Burkhart – there will be a patriot grave dedication in November.
- Bill Sharp – the grave registry is being updated at NSSAR. They are tabulating data with grave information over the next few years to synchronize all available data to maximum accuracy. It will eventually resemble the D.A.R. grave registry website.
- Ron Pfaff – asks where GPS data for individual graves is to be submitted. Bill Sharp responds that it should be sent to Bill for the time being.
- George Franz – many graves in the William Henry Harrison chapter area have data which is 'off'. He asks if there is a timetable for more immediate updates. Bill reports

that much of the data which NSSAR has (from CD) started a correction process as of this past Spring.

Veteran's Programs/American Legion & V.F.W.:

- Kevin Waldroup – see associated file

Operation Ancestor Search:

- Gordon Bell – the operation has received a grant from Ancestry.com. Gordon reports that many of the participants have been diagnosed with PTSD. This program offers these veterans an opportunity to channel their energy into a constructive pursuit. The program is up-and-running at Walter Reed, Sam Houston, Coronado and Fort Lewis in Washington state. Currently working to be established at Fort Knox. It is challenging in Indiana – working to expand into V.A. hospitals and working with retired veterans. Gordon spoke of money provided to Wounded Warriors and their caregivers. Bill reports that Wounded Warriors currently has a full-time representative working with NSSAR. Gordon reports Indiana has no military base with a Wounded Warriors presence. Fort Knox has about 800 on the roster, but most are scattered across that region, being in a home healthcare setting. Gordon reports that the Army has a coordinator in every state. Also, every county has a Veterans Service Coordinator, and encourages each chapter to contact these people in their area to improve involvement and cooperation with the program.

Unfinished Business

New Member Handbook:

- Discussion on the nature of the conflict which transpired at Pointe Coupee, and whether it could be classified properly as a battle. Gordon Bell made a motion to alter the wording within the Handbook which would be deemed acceptable. The motion was seconded, and approved.

S.A.R. at the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference (Fort Wayne):

- Bill Sharpt reports The Indiana Society had a table at the conference held in Fort Wayne, Indiana on August 22-24
- A lot of hits to the relevant S.A.R. research site as a result of this presence

Status of Revolutionary War Display at Indiana War Memorial:

- David Betzner reports that, as of this date, no money has been paid to any party, though money may be provided by the George Washington Fund.

- The individual previously doing the design work is no longer on the project
- David is currently working with a new designer to design the panels
- There will be four panels depicting four battles which occurred during the Revolutionary War in Indiana
- Ken Gilkey asks if there is to be a traveling version of the panels for display at events throughout the state. David Betzer replies 'no'. There was a plan for such a display, but this is now being held-off until construction costs are known.

New Business:

Motion to Endorse and Candidates for Nation Office:

- Roger Barnhart recommends that those candidates running unopposed be endorsed
- Roger makes a motion to approve those running unopposed. Robert Cunningham seconds the motion. Motion passed,
- Roger - discussion of candidates for Treasurer General, Tomme and Cornwall
- Roger makes a motion that the Indiana Society, finding both candidates for Treasurer General to be highly-qualified, abstain from making an endorsement. Motion passed.
- Discussion of candidates for Librarian General, Guzy and Pickett
- Roger makes a motions that the Indiana Society endorse Guzy, seconded by Jeff Hornung. Motion passed.

Bylaw 23:

- Non-profit '503' organizations – modified guidance for prudent financial management, given the current low-interest rate environment. Roger motions that this new guidance be approved by the Indiana Society. David Betzner seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Status of Middle School Brochure Award:

- David Betzner has designed a tri-fold brochure
- He recommends that the prizes for the Americanism Poster contest be \$350 for 1st prize, \$100 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd place.
- David makes a motion that this be approved, Robert Cunningham seconds. Motion passed.

Motion for setting aside funds for Historical Markers:

- Jerry Brown motions that funds be set aside for historical markers, Rex Legler seconds.
- Question of how much should be set aside for this fund. Discussion ensues. Rex moves that the motion be tabled. Robert Cunningham seconds the motion. Motion to table the issue of funds for historical markers until the next meeting is passed.

Motion to Recommend dues for new members for partial year when approved:

- Roger Barnhart discusses that full-year due payments are required even if a member is approved as late as October 31st. He speaks of how some new members receive their dues notice for the next year before they are inducted.
- Roger makes a motion that the Indiana Society dues be deferred if a new member is approved after July 1 of current year. David Betzner seconds the motion. Motion passed.
- Discussion of how, as this may impact the Indiana Society budget, it will have to be addressed at the Annual meeting held in April. Motion to be carried for addressing at Annual meeting.
- Roger suggests that chapters employ the same practice.
- Bill Sharp encourages chapters to not charge annual dues if member registered after July 1.

Motion to assist Kentucky Society with planning and execution of 2015 Congress in Louisville:

- Bill Sharp discusses the Locust Grove site, related to the actions of George Rogers Clark.
- The Indiana Society should assist the Kentucky Society by interpreting George Rogers Clark historical events on the Indiana side of the Ohio River. Should also provide a Color Guard presence. Rex Legler makes a motion to this effect, with both Rex Cunningham and Roger Barnhart seconding the motion. Motion passed.
- Bill states that the Indiana Society will have a committee assigned to work with the Kentucky Society
- Robert states that the Color Guard will help on one day (Saturday).
- Rex Legler states that the Ladies Auxiliary will help on one day (Saturday).
- Bill will inform Congress attendants of motion to support Kentucky Society in one-day event, with the Color Guard and Vice-Commanders acting as leads. Motion passed.

Motion to approve new charter certificate for the John Hay chapter:

- Mark Owens of the John Hay chapter speaks of the chapter's official charter dated October 24, 1968. The sole certificate of this charter was stolen, and it has now been replaced. The chapter was chartered in Salem, Indiana, with the noted assistance of Mrs. Carmen Ritz [Ed. Note: I make have incorrectly recorded this name]. Mark requests that this new charter certificate be approved by the Indiana Society. Roger Barnhart makes such a motion, with Robert Cunningham seconding. Motion passed.

Communications:

- Bill Sharp encourages chapters establish 'phone trees' within the chapter to 'get the word out' on upcoming meetings
- Rex Legler suggests members inform the State Secretary if you do not require a postcard or mailing for State Society meeting notices or the Hoosier Patriot. [Secretary Peters will provide two distinct distribution rosters (email and non-email) to the H.P. Editor.]

Future INSSAR Meetings:

- Brad Manzenberger – January 18, 2014 - next meeting may be held in Greenwood, Indiana or at Franklin College in Franklin
- April 19, 2014 – Annual Meeting in Fort Wayne
- July 19, 2014 – Lafayette, Indiana: Commemoration of Fort Ouikenon

Future NSSAR Meetings:

- Central District Meeting, Barboursville, West Virginia, October 26-27, 2013
- Spring Leadership (Trustee) Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, February 28 through March 3, 2014
- Annual Congress, South Carolina, July 19-23, 2014

Benediction:

- Chaplain Robert Pfaff

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.