



Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Society

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 30th 2016

MCL Cafeteria, 25th & Poplar, Terre Haute, Indiana

Previous Meeting Minutes

- ❖ The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ The Invocation was offered by Vice-President Pfaff
- ❖ The Pledge to the National Colors was led by Vice-President Pfaff
- ❖ The Pledge to the SAR Flag was led by Secretary Jones
- ❖ Compatriot Bill Sharp was selected as Parliamentarian
- ❖ The agenda was approved
- ❖ Secretary Jones took the Chapter Roll Call of 25 Compatriots. A quorum was present

Attendance

District	Chapter	Location	Compatriot	At Large
1	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend		
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Wendell Horn Jeffrey Jones William Sharp III	X X X
	Duneland	Valparaiso	Patrick Cave	
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	X
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers		
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin		
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	Wayne Eells	X
	Continental	Muncie	Mark Kreps	
	John Martin	Rockville	Clifford Blanchard George Brattain David Clendenen James Hicks Max Miller Ignatius Wilson	X
	William H. Harrison	Lafayette	George Frantz Gary Steinhardt	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Jim Arnold Edward Hitchcock Jim Pershing	

David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry Brown James Harvey John Sheets	X
John Hay	Salem		
Clifty Creek	Madison		
Gen Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon		
George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Rob Cunningham John Fish Jerome Pitts	X
Ohio Valley	Evansville	Ernest Payne	

Introduction of Guests

- Mr. Clifford Blanchard Jr. – President, John Martin Chapter, SAR
 - Brings welcome from the hosting chapter to the House of Delegates
- Mrs. Janice Bedwell – Regent, Indiana Society, DAR
 - Brings greetings from the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- Cadet LT Elaine Allen – Spencer, IN, winner of the Enhanced ROTC Medal

New Member Induction

- Nate Wilson – John Martin Chapter
- Patriot - “Christian Trout”

SAR Awards and Recognition

- National Streamers presented to Indiana Society
 - SAR Youth
 - Officer’s Attendance
 - Arthur M King Eagle Scout Scholarship
 - George Rogers Clark Memorial
- National Certificates presented to Indiana Society
 - Admiral William Furlong Award
 - Genealogists Lowest Pending Applications (Honorable Mention)
- National Partners in Patriotism to Chapters
 - Alexander Hamilton
 - Anthony Halberstadt
 - Clarence A. Cook
 - Clifty Creek
 - Continental
 - Daniel Guthrie
 - David Benton
 - Duneland
 - General Thomas Posey
 - George Rogers Clark
 - John Hay
 - John Martin
 - Ohio Valley
 - William Henry Harrison
 - Indiana Society at Large
- National Medals

- Dennis Babbitt – Liberty Medal
- Randy Eckley – Liberty Medal
- Bill Sharp – Liberty Medal Oak Leaf
- Ken Gilkey – Liberty Medal Oak Leaf
- Ernie Davis – Liberty Medal Oak Leaf
- Roger Barnhart – Liberty Medal Oak Leaf
- National Veteran Certificates
 - Herbert Smith III – Military Service Corps
 - Charles Doyle – Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Doug Myers – Southwest Asia Veterans Corps
 - Kevin Waldroup – Southwest Asia Veterans Corps
 - Phil Martin – Military Service Corps
 - Steve Heller – Military Service Corps
 - Gary Ashby – Military Service Corps
 - Don Carmichael – Military Service Corps
 - Larry Decker – Military Service Corps
 - Robin Lee Henderson – Military Service Corps
 - Michael Moore – Military Service Corps
- Indiana Compatriot Memorial
 - Robert Howell
 - William Fleetwood
 - Joe Carter
 - Paul Randall
- Indiana Medals
 - Rod Sherard – Bronze Service Medal, Bronze Color Guard
 - Ed Hitchcock – Patriot Grave Marking
- Enhanced ROTC
 - Cadel 1LT Elaine Allen – Spencer Indiana

Report on Congress

- Presented by William Sharp
- Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville
 - Priority #1 – Payback building line of credit for \$1.3M
 - Priority #2 – Branding of SAR events. Future correspondence should feature the Patriot Statue at National Headquarters. All youth contests should precede their name with SAR. All awards should precede their names with SAR.
 - Priority #3 – Digitization of records and supporting documents. A system similar to the DAR is being envisioned.
- National Congress in Boston
 - The Headquarters building completion will be based on fundraising success.
 - Dues will not be increased for 2017.
 - The CAR application fee was repealed for ages less than 18 for members that provide CAR Good Standing Certificates.

Lunch

The House of Delegates approved the Agenda

ROLL CALL – QUORUM ATTAINED

Minutes Approval – Approved conditioned on inclusion of the elected slate of officers (note: completed)

Treasurer's Report – Approved. Budget exceeds income by \$500, but current forecast shows alignment.

Consent Agenda – Approved. Comments on the following:

- Orations Contest
 - Indiana's entry came in #6 nationally.
 - Frequent contact with schools is encouraged.
 - Home schools are our biggest supporter.
- CAR
 - Chapters are requested to invite local CAR societies to their meetings.
 - The CAR members get award credit for sharing their projects at SAR Meetings.
- Boys State
 - Summer activities were reviewed.
 - Junior-Senior eligibility was reviewed, along with a request for yearly nominations.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business

- Finance Committee Proposal
 - Finance committee requested feedback on two fundraising ideas intended to grow the Endowment Trust to help with budgeting issues of the Indiana SAR.
 - Idea #1: Annual collectable pin. The purpose is to engage our members and make sure the pins are limited collectables. The HoD feedback expressed general enthusiasm and asked for an implementation plan.
 - Idea #2: Traditional fundraiser with pledge donations. HoD feedback was expressed with a general request to consider a fundraiser mechanism designed around an Indiana Historical Model.
- Bylaws Proposal (IRS Language) – Submitted by the Duneland Chapter.
 - The IRS requires specific language in nonprofit bylaws that address the dissolving of any non-profit.
 - Proposed Bylaw 3, Section 6:

If any chapter in the Indiana SAR is dissolved, any and all assets shall be transferred to and become the property of INSSAR, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution. If the INSSAR refuses or is unable to accept the assets, another charitable organization specified by the officers of the dissolving Indiana SAR Chapter, but in no event shall any asset be distributed to any person other than a charitable organization under section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - Finance committee requested to check chapter bylaws and ensure chapters have statements that specify the donation of property at dissolution. The presentation by the committee meets the requirements for bylaws changes at the Annual Meeting.
- Bylaws Proposal (Policies)
 - Review of current bylaws reveal we are not compliant with IRS and Sarbanes-Oxley requirements such as Conflict of Interest, Whistleblower, document destruction and other policies.
 - A new bylaw was requested that authorized the generation of a policy "book."
 - The initial language provided at this meeting meets the requirements for bylaws changes at the Annual Meeting. The Chancellor will review the language and make any needed revisions to ensure they allow for creation, suspension and deletion.
 - The President and Executive Committee will generate initial documents for interim operation until a bylaw is adopted.
- Treasurer Bonding
 - Bylaw 8, Section 5 of the Indiana SAR bylaws requires a posted bond. Treasurer Horn has verified we have not posted a bond and are not in compliance.
 - A motion was made by William Sharp to create an internal policy for financial control. The policy should include three HoD directives: First, Indiana SAR checks above \$1,500 or above would only be valid if it contains two authorized

signatures. Second, the State Assistant Treasurer is designated as the second signature. Third, the State Assistant Treasurer should sign a monthly financial reconciliation statement to provide a degree of independence.

- The motion was accepted and Secretary Jones was directed to create a draft policy.
- Committee Vacancies and Transitions
 - Americanism Poster Contest - Open. Cliff Blanchard has a potential suggestion.
 - Audit - Open. William Sharp agreed to chair.
 - George Washington Fund – Open.
 - Hoosier Patriot - Transition. Robert Pfaff agreed to conduct a long-term transition with Jeff Hornung.
 - Membership and Chapter Development – Open.
 - Veterans Programs - Open. James Arnold agreed to chair.
 - District 1 VP - Open. The nominating committee has suggested two names which are under consideration.
 - Color Guard Central Command Vice Commander – Open.
- Indiana SAR Dues 2017
 - A motion to retain the 2016 current dues and fees for 2017 was offered and approved.
 - 2016 dues structure are:

2016 Indiana SAR Application Fee (regular): \$15.00
2016 Indiana SAR Supplemental Application Fee (regular): \$10.00
2016 Indiana SAR Annual Dues (regular): \$15.00

2016 Indiana SAR Application Fee (Jr 0-17): \$15.00
2016 Indiana SAR Annual Dues (Jr 0-17): \$5.00

2016 Indiana SAR Application Fee Jr/CAR: \$15.00
2016 Indiana SAR Annual Dues Jr/CAR: \$5.00

Other New Business

- Indiana SAR Records
 - The Indiana State Library would like to copy early Indiana SAR records.
 - President Eells authorized Mark Kreps to work with the library on this matter.
- Family History and Genealogy Conference
 - Rod Sherard reported he staffed the Genealogy conference by himself when it was held in Indianapolis. He had two other volunteers, but one of them became ill.
 - Rod reported that he gave handouts to about 25 people that were either local, state wide or from out of state. He also talked to former SAR members who expressed interest in rejoining, along with members of the Indiana African American Genealogy Group where were interested in eligibility requirements.

For the Good of the Order

- Future Indiana Society Meetings
 - 15 October 2016: Fall House of Delegates meeting, Madison
 - 15 April 2017: Annual Indiana SAR Meeting, Indianapolis
- Future Central District Events
 - 7 – 9 October 2016: Battle Days, Point Pleasant, Ohio
 - 4 – 5 November 2016: Holiday Inn, Cincinnati Airport, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Future National Society Meetings
 - 29 September – 2 October 2016: National Society Fall Leadership Conference, Louisville, Kentucky
 - 2 – 5 March 2017: National Society Spring Leadership Conference, Louisville, Kentucky
 - 7 – 12 July 2017: National Society Congress, Knoxville, Tennessee

SAR Recessional – Led by Vice President Robert Pfaff

Retiring of the Colors

Benediction - Led by Vice President Robert Pfaff