



Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR

January 27, 2024

Executive Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by President Hohman.

The president entertained a general discussion of all the Chapter Officers according to our Bylaws such as Registrar, Chaplain, Genealogist, Historian, Custodian of the Colors Parliamentarian and Publicity. A general and extensive discussion was also held on our committees and current or proposed committee chairs. A final list will be forthcoming by the President. A discussion was also held on eliminating some committees that are archaic or non-functional. President Hohman emphasized this is a reorganization of committees to make them more efficient.

The next subject of discussion was Office 365. The President advised that as a non-profit outfit he was able to get 10 licenses at no cost to our chapter. This is a savings of \$220 per month for the chapter. The President advised that he wants to bring our communications into this platform as it will benefit future officers of the chapter. This way new officers of this chapter will have access to all communications of the chapter for the past two years. It will also centralize our internal communications so every officer will have access to information at **withsar.org**.

The President brought up our website next and the goal is to bring in new members. There would be a way to pay for meals on this site, post events, publish written articles etc. It would be a delicate balance to bring in new members of a younger generation while keeping our current members. The President advised that business cards branded with the national logo can now be obtained and to contact him for cards.

The President brought up encouraging Associate Members to become an Associate Member. They would have no voting status but could be valuable to this chapter to assist in various events. Potential members that are waiting for one or two years to be vetted could be brought in as Associate members while waiting for full membership. The President discussed having associates available for the honor/color Guard. He discussed his three goals for parades are a Color Guard, an Honor Guard and a proper float for parades. A banner was discussed as



well as cooperating with the DAR on parades and other events.

The Lexington and Concord committee was brought up by the President and he stated that he needed help in reaching out to Sand Hill Boy Scout Reservation. He will be at National at the end of February to pitch this to Leadership. This same weekend a Blueberry Festival is being held in Brooksville. He emphasized this will be a major, major event and if National backs it we will receive partial funding from them. A discussion ensued on Chinsegut vs Sand Hill and the logistics would be difficult at Chinsegut for a variety of reasons.

The President mentioned that Jena could use some help cleaning up after the lunch after our monthly meeting and having a guest card available. He also wants to move committee reports to the newsletter. We should be submitting our newsletter and website for state competition. The President encouraged members to attend Congress in Lancaster, Pennsylvania as well as leadership meetings in the fall.

The Blueberry Festival in Brooksville will be on April 27 and 28. We will be selling blueberry muffins. We will be selling the muffins, paying for the ingredients and keeping the profits. We need volunteers for Sunday the 28th. We will also have representation for our SAR Chapter for possible new recruits there. Arrangements for tents were discussed.

Treasurer's Report by Richard Bailey - Income from the period of January 1, 2024, to Jan 27, 2024, was \$1470.25, expenses of \$582.19 for an Overall total of \$888.06. Income from members' meals was \$459. This is all new income we did not have before moving to Chinsegut. The President has sponsored the January meal and Richard Bailey is sponsoring the February meal and asks for other members to consider sponsoring the ingredients He would cook the meals. The President discussed how sponsoring meals can raise an additional \$4500 for our treasury on a yearly basis. This income, like other fund raisers like the Blueberry Festival will be a focus for our Chapter.

Secretary's Report by Thomas Bowen - The last EBM minutes from September 2023 were posted last year and no additions or corrections were received. The Secretary made the December deadlines for the State and National magazines so articles and several nice photos should be in evidence when they are published. A short discussion was held on the National Magazines failure to publish articles from this Chapter. Bill Stone will be working on this issue.

President Hohman discussed putting together a L & C committee. He also discussed putting



together a video for the Leadership conference to get support for our proposal in hosting a reenactment and ball. The President emphasized it will take money, time and resources to bring this all together. A lengthy discussion was had on the mechanics of getting this done and Chinsegut vs Sand Hill.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM. Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Secretary Thomas Bowen.

Meeting attendees:

Steve Burke, Norm Freyer, Bob Thomas, Tom Bowen, Mark Johnson, David Hitchcock, Richard Bailey, Steve Hohman