



Withlacoochee Chapter Meeting

April 9, 2021

President David Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Invocation was given by Chris Faust.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

The SAR Pledge and American Creed was recited.

President Hitchcock introduced guests; Hubert and Christin Chancey, Eric Linthicum, Gene Bell, Isabella, Crystal, Tracy and Xander Evans.

April birthdays were recognized for Chancy Reich – 1932, Jimmy Barnes – 1934, Ron Powell – 1938 and Bob Highbaugh – 1962.

President Hitchcock said a prayer for member and family who are sick or need prayer. The President also requested a silent prayer for our servicemen, and this was done.

Hubert Chancey was inducted into the Chapter and gave a short speech.

Clyde Johnson was presented with his 10-year certificate.

Clyde Johnson was also presented with his Florida Battalion certificate. William Scheiterle was also presented his certificate for the Florida Battalion.

Chris Faust, teacher at Hernando Elementary, introduced the winner of the Poster Contest Isabella Evans. Isabella drew a picture of the last naval battle of the American Revolution. There were at least 120 students at the Hernando Elementary School participate in this contest. Chris presented Isabella a check for \$100 with her family present and her Poster will go to the State Contest.

Treasurer Report: Richard Bailey presented his report for March with \$984 income and expenditures of \$1449. There was a substantial outlay for awards. Richard reminded members that they can pay for their lunch with their credit cards. Tom Hellem also presented the Financial Review Committee report. A change in bylaws now provides for a financial review Committee. The committee reviewed the finances in the last of 2021. The committee concluded that the SAR funds are in good shape. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Secretary Report: Tom Bowen reported that three states, Texas (58), Georgia (55) and Florida (50) with the most chapters which is 163 chapters there was only 7 Chapter events/news notes in the Winter 2021/22 National SAR magazine. The Secretary reported that Harley Nelson's story prepared by the secretary has been sent to the Citrus Chronicle, Hernando Sun Times, the Florida and National SAR quarterly magazines. Richard reported that Harley's info has been posted on the Chapter website and memorials along with photos. A motion was made to accept the

secretary's report and was passed unanimously.

Tom Bowen then gave a presentation on Black Soldiers in the Revolutionary War. The material was taken from the U.S. Army Museum. He presented some small monetary awards to use for Happy Dollars on the number of black men that served in the British Army and the Continental Army to two members Richard and Stephen that provided the correct numbers. One more trivia question was correctly answered by Stephen that the first man shot at Bunker Hill was a black man by the name of Crispus Attucks. President Hitchcock then presented an excellent video on African American soldiers in the revolutionary war.

Russ Gibson Color Guard Commander gave a report on High School ROTCs as well as a very entertaining and informative presentation on Revolutionary War uniforms.

Vickie Brown was serenaded with "Happy Birthday", and she advised we are up to date with Induction Ceremonies, 2 pending at national, 8 prospective members and 3 near completions.

President Hitchcock asked for volunteers as assistant Treasurer and assistant to Bill Teater on the Veteran's Committee.

Bill Teater – Veterans' s Committee reported that we received a thank you letter from the Veteran's Home in Land o Lakes for our contributions to the Veterans for Xmas. He adopted this home in 2006 and the veterans that don't have families get gifts Xmas gifts from us. These veterans turn over all of their assets to live in this home and receive only \$40 per month as an allowance.

President Hitchcock reported that the meeting for May has been moved to May 21 as there is a conflict with, the BOM meeting.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:56

Meeting called back to order at 1:01 PM. Reminder that May meeting moved to May 21, 2022.

Old Business: None

Happy dollars conducted.

President Hitchcock discussed letter sent to National regarding buying American made clothing. Vickie mentioned that the DAR is ordering clothing items from a local clothier. Chris Faust read the letter from our committee sent to National regarding buying American. A main point in the letter was that George Washington shunned fabrics not made in American for his Inauguration and instead wore homespun fabrics. Medals were also discussed. Motion was made to buy a small quantity of SAR clothing from a local supplier and seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

Recessional conducted and meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Tom Bowen – Secretary.

Attendees.

John Attanasio, Douglas Brock, Kenneth Dunn, Charlie Lukas, Chauncey Reich, Richard Bailey, Norm Freyer, Russ Gibson, Millard Hodges, Clyde Johnson, Isabelle Evans, Xander Evans, Crystal Evans, Travis Evans, Gene Bell, Eric Linthicum, Wayne Chancey, Christian Chancey, James Armitage, Stephen Brown, Vicki Brown, Chris Faust, David Hitchcock, Jim Mullens, James Peyton, Ronald Powell, William Scheiterle, John Seddon, William Teater, Robert Thomas, Jack Townsend, Thomas Venard, John Wilder, Charles Wilson, Jimmie Barnes, Thomas Bowen, John Elley, Tom Hellem, William Moorehead

