



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER  
Sons of the American Revolution  
March 10, 2018  
Minutes of Meeting

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 11:00 by President Larry Sturgeon.

The invocation was given by Chapter Chaplain Richard Trout, Jr.

Ron Powell led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge was administered by Ken Lancaster.

The following guests were introduced to the Chapter:

- Joseph Bebout
- Mark Meadows
- John Ellie
- Dennis Dix

The President introduced our guest speaker. Mr. Dix is the Director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) of Citrus and Hernando Counties. Mr. Dix spoke about the origin, purpose, and scope of the M.P.O. He discussed the Suncoast Highway extension, transportation planning, and autonomous mobility coming to the region and the nation.

**LUNCH WAS SERVED**

Chapter Reports:

- *Treasurer*  
A report was provided by the President in the absence of Jack Townsend. The President gave a general status of the budget and pointed out a future refund from the State organization due to an overpayment.

- *Registrar*

The Registrar's Report was provided by Vicki Brown. Mrs. Brown provided the Registrar's Report highlighted as follows:

Total Members

70

- New Applications in Process - three forwarded to National (Richard Ellie, Matt Mills, Thomas Smith Venard)
- Completed for Signature – Joe Bebout, Clarence Anstine, Ken Custer, John Randall, Thomas Barnette
- New Applicants – Mark Meadows, Christopher Garren, Troy Gandy, Jeff Young, George Klaes, Don Woodward, John Seddon
- Supplementals in Process – Harley Nelson, Ed Gingrich

- *Americanism Poster Contest*

Chairman Norm Freyer provided an update on the poster contest indicating that 325 posters have been received to date. Mr. Freyer also stated that the nature of the subject matter was creating some difficulty and mentioned the 2019 subject matter would be associated with General Galvez. The President mentioned that he has volunteered and been accepted as the upcoming State Poster Contest Chairman.

- *Publicity*

Mr. Freyer indicated that the Chapter has submitted 20 articles/pictures to print media in both Citrus and Hernando counties.

- *Veterans*

The President discussed the upcoming Summer trip to the Veterans Home. He provided a status of the "Quarters" balance of \$146.00 which is short of the \$300-\$400 usually necessary to support the program highlighting a need for \$154.00 to be taken from the Treasury to fill the gap.

- *Last Naval Battle, Merritt Island*

The Chapter would be represented at the Last Naval Battle in Merritt Island by Charlie Day, Russell Gibson, and Bob Folk (State President)

- *Liberty Tree Dedication, The Villages*

The Chapter would be represented at the Liberty Tree Dedication at the Villages by Jack Townsend and Bill Ferguson.

- *Upcoming Events*

March 15, Thursday @ 10:00, WYKE – TV interviews, Larry Sturgeon, Clyde Johnson, Charlie Day, and Russell Gibson. Topics to be discussed included Scouting and the Color Guard.

March 16, Friday @ 10:00, St Patrick's Day Parade.

March 27, Tuesday @11:00, Massa Award Presentation at 10494 Spring Hiss Drive Spring Hill, FL 34608.

- *Old or Unfinished Business*  
No Old or Unfinished Business was presented
- *New Business*  
a report was given about recently hacked Chapter information by individuals seeking to solicit money or information from members. Caution was expressed about such matters to the members if there are any unusual emails received.
- *Happy Dollars*  
Happy Dollars were collected by Dale Hash.

The meeting concluded with the following announcements:

The next Executive Board Meeting                      April 5, 2018        @ 1:00

The next General Meeting                                  April 14, 2018        @11:00

The SAR Recessional was given by Clyde Johnson

The meeting was adjourned at 13:40