



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER
Sons of the American Revolution
September 8, 2018
Minutes of Meeting

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 10:40 by President Larry Sturgeon.

The invocation was given by Norm Freyer. Chaplain Richard Trout, Jr. was unable to attend.

Richard Sumner led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SAR Pledge was administered by Norm Freyer.

The following candidates were inducted into the SAR:

- Michael Paul Houle
- Kenneth Stephen Custer
- Joseph Edward Bebout
- Jeffery David Young
- Mark Meadows

Registrar's Report

Vicki Brown provided her Registrar's Report for the Chapter for September. Since May, a total of six (6) applicants have been approved. Two applications are being held for September 1st, the cutoff date for 2018 dues.

Total Members - 78

Newly Approved Members – 6

Clarence Anstine

Joseph BeBout

Ken Custer

Mark Meadows

Tom Venard

Jeff Young

Application packages for Thomas Barnette and James Peyton have been completed for signature.

President Larry Sturgeon made mention of Norm Freyer having received the Colonel Stuart Boone McCarty Award for his service to the “preservation of history and traditional teaching in schools”. The award carries with it a monetary gift of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00).

Chapter Reports:

- *30th Anniversary Celebration*
Bill Teater reviewed his experiences from the 25th Anniversary Celebration. He distributed and discussed a handout of the responsibilities for organizing the celebration and solicited support from the membership to assist in the planning. He specifically asked for chairman to lead the various committees and members to support them.
 - *Veterans*
Bill Teater discussed the Veteran’s Without Families Project. He handed out a list of the veterans in residence with individual needs and solicited help from the membership in filling their needs. Bill also spoke to the Quarters (\$.25) challenge and asked the members to support them as much as possible.
 - *2019 Chapter Nominations*
Bill Teater mentioned the upcoming Chapter elections and asked for volunteers to be involved on the Nominating Committee. Ken Lancaster and Clyde Johnson volunteered to participate.
 - *Treasurer*
Jack Townsend presented the Treasurer’s Report giving an overview of the status of the Chapter financial situation. He discussed specifically the Budget Of \$12000, the estimate of \$100 expense for meal costs, registrations, guest meals, medals, and the Color Guard.
 - *Americanism Poster Contest*
Norm Freyer gave a report standing in for Bill Ferguson who will be taking over as the chairman for the Poster Contest. Mr. Freyer gave a brief history of the Contest and highlighted the theme for this years’ contest: James Madison, Founding Documents.
 - *Publicity*
Norm Freyer gave a report on Chapter publicity indicating that there have been thirty-seven (37) print media events for the Chapter year to date.
 - *Color Guard*
Russell Gibson gave a report on the status of the Color Guard. He provided a schedule of upcoming events and made an appeal to get new recruits to supplement the current Guard.
- Lunch was served 11:52- 12:57
- *Old or Unfinished Business*
Larry Sturgeon made mention of the Chapter need for a Storage unit to collect and consolidate Chapter materials.

- *New Business*

There was a question regarding the need to send the Chapter Roster to new members for volunteer opportunities. No definitive action was taken.

- *Happy Dollars*

Happy Dollars were collected by Treasurer Jack Townsend.

The meeting concluded with the following meeting announcements:

2018 Fall BOM Meeting will be held October 12th -14th.

Executive Board Meeting would be October 4th at 13:00.

General Meeting would be on October 13th beginning at the new start time of 10:30.

NC Regional Meeting September 22nd 11:00 - 2:00

The SAR Recessional was given by Ken Lancaster and the meeting adjourned at 13:30.