



Withlacoochee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

January 14, 2023, Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM by President David Hitchcock.

The Invocation was given.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

The American Creed was recited.

The following guests were introduced: Mark Johnson, Gene Bell, Blake Bell, Compatriot Jeff Amundsen, Haley Brown, Paul Belter from the Ocala Chapter.

Birthdays for Arthur Burt, Eric Linthicum, John Wilder and Stephen Brown were recognized.

A prayer for members and family who are sick and in need prayer was said and a moment of silent prayer for our soldiers who are serving this country.

Swearing in of the newly elected officers by Bill Stone:

President - David Hitchcock

1st Vice President - John Carey

2nd Vice President - Stephen Brown

Treasurer - Richard Bailey

Secretary - Tom Bowen

Induction was held for new members and compatriots: Mark Johnson, Ralph Bell and Blake Bell and sworn in by President Hitchcock.

Vicki Brown was awarded the Daughters of Liberty Medal which is the highest SAR Award for a woman by President Hitchcock. Vicki gave a short speech thanking the chapter for the award.

Two other members Nelson Peters and John Seddon were awarded 10-year membership award and the



Florida Brigade award respectively.

Bill Stone a noted member of the SAR and a former state president, national trustee and recipient of many other awards was introduced by President Hitchcock. Bill Stone gave an excellent speech on the ongoing SAR Education and Museum Project in Louisville, Kentucky. He mentioned that the President General C. Bruce Pickett in the last issue of the SAR National Magazine had written about the progress of this museum in the President General's Message. He then gave us a history of the museum and how the museum started in Washington D. C. and came to Louisville, Ky. as it is a known museum center of the country. It has been a long process. Members watched an informative and very professional video on the museum.

Bill Teater gave his report on Veterans' fund raising. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5 for a raffle. Tickets available till meeting in April. Prizes are a handmade wood flag, a Pewter dish and a license plate holder. The chapter received a thank you from the Veteran's home for the Xmas gifts

Treasurers Report - Richard Bailey gave a report reporting \$1428.54 in income and \$4309.02 in expenses. Most of the expenses are the dues paid to FLSSAR. Richard also mentioned about donations to the museum are needed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report and was passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report - Tom Bowen had previously distributed two copies of the minutes to every table and they were also posted on our website. He asked three times for any additions or corrections to the minutes and hearing none a motion was made to approve the secretary's report and passed unanimously.

Bill Ferguson gave a report on Boy Scouts and recent contacts with Boy Scouting and the need for members to step forward to assist in making contacts.

Old Business: Question about the Gala DAR event and the President advised that we have two tables at this event.

New Business: The meeting in April will be the third Saturday in April. The President also announced the EBM on January 28 at 11:00 AM at Beef O' Brady's. Richard announced and reminded members that there will be open house for prospective new members.

Happy Dollars was conducted by Richard Bailey. Discussion on changing the banner of the 133rd



Congress. The Constitution was suggested by Richard Bailey and was favorably received.

Recessional was recited by all.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Tom Bowen – Secretary

Meeting Attendees: Jeffery Amundsen, Richard Bailey, Jimmie Barnes, Gene Bell, Sharon Bell, Blake Bell, Thomas Bowen, Douglas Brock, Stephen Brown, Vicki Brown, Arthur Burt, John Carey, John Elley, Bill Ferguson, Norm Freyer, Russ Gibson, David Hitchcock, Mark Johnson, Eric Linthicum, John Longacre, Charlie Lukas, Nelson Peters, Ronald Powell, Chauncey Reich, William Scheiterle, John Seddon, David Steitz, Bill Stone, David Stoughton, William Teater, Robert Thomas, Paul Belter, John Wilder