



Withlacoochee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolutions

Minutes of meeting held on February 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 10:36 AM by President David Hitchcock.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Eric Linthicum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

The American Creed was recited by all.

President Hitchcock introduced guests; Troy Shepard, Sarah Shepard, Anna Shepard, Rebecca Shepard, Jeffery Amundsen and Jenna Hohman.

February Birthdays for Richard Bailey, Tom Bowen and Mark Johnson were recognized.

The President asked for a prayer for all members and family who are sick or need prayer.

Stephen Hohman was inducted into our Chapter and gave a short speech.

Compatriot Eric Linthicum was present his Florida Brigade Certificate.

The George and Stella Essay Contest winners were announced. Charles Day gave a speech by video honoring 1st place Anna Shepard and 2nd Place Rebecca Shepard. Anna Shepard then read her winning essay to the compatriots. She received a round of applause.

President Hitchcock again asked for volunteers to help out on various committees and mentioned about participating in the Cloverleaf Farms parade which our chapter does every year and asked for member of the chapter to participate.

Treasurer's report was given by Richard Bailey reporting Income of \$1341.71 and Expenses of \$1180.71 from our last meeting on 1-14-23 to 2-11-23. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and passed unanimously.



Secretary's Report was given by Tom Bowen. Minutes were placed on everyone's table and also posted on the website. The secretary asked for additions or corrections to the minutes three times and hearing none a motion was made to accept the minutes and passed unanimously.

Bill Teater gave the Veteran's report and reminded members of the raffle and tickets are available. Drawing will be in April meeting. Stark report received 762 points but subject to audit.

President Hitchcock mentioned our website store for articles of SAR clothing. Richard Bailey reminded members if they buy anything for the chapter to send him the receipts for the Stark Report. Bill Teater reminded members to keep track of contributions, visits to veterans, nursing homes, mileage on cars and turn these items in for the Stark Report.

The attendees then watched an excellent video presentation giving an overview of the various important battles of the Revolutionary War. After the video the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 PM. Bob Thomas the new Color Guard Commander taking over for the long-time former Commander Russ Gibson gave a short report. President Hitchcock thanked Russ for his good work over the years and encouraged other members to volunteer for the color Guard.

Tom Hellem – Registrar gave his report with 14, applications, 1 to Florida, 2 supplementals and one new member. He reported that we now have 88 members. Richard Bailey reported that our recruiting efforts are going well with ads in the Hernando Sun and two prospects showed up at the open house after the meeting.

Bill Ferguson gave report on Eagle scouting was given and girls are now eligible for the Eagle Scout award.

Publicity Report given by Tom Bowen. The Earl Marlin contest report was sent into the Florida SAR and 717 points should be awarded. 250 of those points come from our website maintained so well by our webmaster Richard Bailey. Tom thanked Richard for his good work on our website.



President Hitchcock reminded members that everyone is invited to the EBM meetings and should feel welcome to attend. It has been difficult to reach quorum at times.

New Business: A motion was made by Mark Johnson to amend the Article VII Section 3 of the Bylaws to read "The elected officers will be sworn into office at the January Meeting and shall remain in office for a period of two calendar years." Motion was passed unanimously.

Mark Johnson elected member of the Hernando County School Board gave a presentation on scholarships for Hernando County High School students. It is a \$1300 + \$1300 matching scholarship program that will give 30 credit hours at a Florida State University. A spirited discussion began with comments about our chapter covering the two counties of Citrus and Hernando and this would be a scholarship program for only Hernando. Discussion also was had on including some type of essay for potential recipients of this scholarship on the Revolutionary War and the importance of same.

President Hitchcock appointed an Ad Hoc committee of Stephen Hohman, Nelson Peters, Eric Linthicum, Mark Johnson and Stephen Brown to study this situation and come up with a solution.

Richard Bailey conducted Happy Dollars. Upcoming events were announced. The EBM meeting will be held on February 25, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Beef O Brady's in Brooksville.

The SAR Recessional was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned at around 2:04 PM.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Tom Bowen - Secretary

Meeting Attendees: Jeffery Amundsen, Richard Bailey, Jimmie Barnes, Thomas Bowen, Douglas Brock, Stephen Brown, Vicki Brown, John Carey, Kenn Dunn, Bill Ferguson, Norm Freyer, Russ Gibson, Tom Hellem, David Hitchcock, Stephen Hohman, Jena Hohman, Mark Johnson, Eric Linthicum, John Longacre, Charlie Lukas, Bill Morehead, Nelson Peters, Chauncey Reich, William Scheiterle, David Steitz, Bill Stone, David Stoughton, William Teater, Robert Thomas, Jack Townsend, John Wilder, Chuck Wilson, Troy Sheppard, Sarah Sheppard, Anna Sheppard, Rebecca Sheppard