



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER
Sons of the American Revolution
December 14th, 2019

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 10:30 by 1st Vice President Dave Hitchcock.

Invocation – Richard Trout, Jr.

The Invocation was given by Richard Trout Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was administered by Robert Folk

SAR Pledge

The SAR Pledge was led by Dave Hitchcock

The American Creed

The American Creed was led by Russ Gibson

Opening Comments – Dave Hitchcock

Mr. Hitchcock introduced Tom Hellem as the stand in for Secretary Ken Lancaster and Ron Powell as the stand in for 1st Vice President Dave Hitchcock. The President asked for the introduction of guest.

Introduction of Guests – 2nd Vice President Ron Powell

2nd Vice Ron Powell introduced our guests.

- Edward J. Penfield – Prospective member
- Jim Eggstaff – Prospective member
- John Wilder Guest

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee; Bill Teater for Doug Brock

Mr. Teater read the list of nominees running for the Chapter offices.

Mr. Teater asked for nominations from the floor, there were no more candidates. Motion was made and seconded to except the report and the vote was unanimous. Ballots were handed out and a vote on the candidates for each open office was performed.

Officers for the 2020 calendar year are listed below:

President; Dave Hitchcock

1st Vice President; Jim Booth

2nd vice President; Ron Powell

Treasurer: Richard Bailey

Secretary; Tom Hellem

Veterans Committee Activity – Bill Teater

Mr. Teater discussed the following Veterans Committee activities:

- Veterans Without Families –The trip to the Florida Veterans Home scheduled for December 5th has been cancelled by the Home because of a virus in the D wing where the event was to be held. The new schedule is 1:30 -2:00 PM on January 15. All the gifts to be provided by the chapter have been covered. Those persons desiring reimbursement for their cost can present the receipt to the Treasurer.
- The subject of quarters for Veterans Home was discussed and the quarters will be delivered at the January event. Anyone wishing to donate to the Veterans Home may do so using a gift card such as Visa, MasterCard, or a gift card from Walmart.

Service medals and certificates that were to be presented at the December meeting were not because none of the recipients were present. The awards will be presented upon request.

- ***Treasurer's Report – Dale Hash***

A general overview of the status of the Treasury year to date was provided by Mr. Dale Hash and that we were on track with the budget year to date. A report with specific details would be available for Compatriots to review. Mr. Hash also announced that requests for funds (Veterans Letter) has been mailed out and the requests for submission of Annual Dues would be forthcoming.

- ***Secretary's Report – Tom Hellem for Ken Lancaster***

Mr. Hellem had no comments *about the state of the November meeting.*

- ***Poster Contest – Larry Sturgeon***

Mr. Sturgeon was not present at the meeting. Norm Freyer stated that the theme for the contest was on the website and in Hernando County.

- ***JROTC/Sea Cadets/Color Guard – Russell Gibson***

Commander Gibson reported that he had nothing to report on the Color Guard, JROTC or the Sea Cadets.

- ***Registrar's Report – Stephen and Vicki Brown***

Ms. Vicki Brown provided the Registrar's Report. Ms. Brown indicated that the total membership has is eighty (80). Ms. Brown also stated that there were 8 memberships approved in 2019. There are a number of applications in process and a number of Supplements in progress.

Ms. Brown shared information about the DNA feature on ancestry; using this feature can help identify lineage; also said that the SAR national is now using DNA as a secondary source.

- ***Speakers***

No speakers at this meeting.

- ***Award Presentations***

No awards were presented at this meeting.

- ***Publicity – Norm Freyer***

Mr. Freyer reported that the Chapter has submitted greater than thirty five (35)) articles for publication.

- ***Eagle Scouts – Charlie Day***

No report.

- ***Web Page /Newsletter– Ken Dunn***

Mr. Dunn Says that the web page has and continues to be upgraded

- ***Old Business – David Hitchcock***

There was no Old Business.

- ***New Business – Dave Hitchcock***

There was no New business

- ***Happy Dollars – Dale Hash***

Happy Dollars were collected by a Member as Dale Hash had to leave early.

- ***SAR Recessional***

The SAR Recessional was read and the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.

Upcoming Events

Chapter EBM 1/02/2020
General Meeting 1/11/2020

Dave Hitchcock, 1st Vice President

Ken Lancaster, Secretary