



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER

Sons of the American Revolution

January 8, 2021

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

Invocation was given.

Pledge of Allegiance was held

The American Creed was read and recited by all.

The President Dave introduced our guest Regional Vice President David Thomas.

A prayer was given by President Dave for our departed member Harley Nelson

David Thomas was called up to swear in the newly elected officers of the Chapter; David Hitchcock – President, Stephen Brown – 2nd Vice President, Richard Bailey -Treasurer and Tom Bowen -Secretary. Not present Robert Folk Jr – 1st Vice President

A depiction of Harley Benjamin Nelson was put on the screen. A eulogy was given by President Dave of his service to his country in WWII as a Navy veteran and winner of the Bronze Star. There were additional comments from 3 members from the floor.

David Thomas gave an address regarding the 250th anniversary of the Revolution. We as a chapter and an individual can earn points towards a medal as well as pins. Points will be awarded for attendance at different functions and events. Grave Marking is another way of earning points as well as earning an individual medal. Discussed getting the color guard involved in grave marking. Additional discussion on grave marking. 2023 Congress coming up and the state will need 80 participants to help with the event in Orlando. David also discussed that there is a push on to get new members.

Treasurers report given by Richard Bailey.

- Income from 21-1-21 to 1-7-22 was \$2653.
- Expenses of \$3891.25 due mostly to National and State dues.
- Total amount on hand in the bank is \$9726.11.
- For additional details please see detailed treasurer's report.
- Motion was made and seconded to accept Treasurer's report and passed unanimously.

Registrar's report given by Vicki Brown

- We have three newly approved new members John Seddon, Christopher Faust and James Mullens.
- Four applications under review at National, one additional completed for signature and one new applicant.
- Two supplementals in progress.

Tom Bowen, a chapter member, was introduced by President David for Part II of his speech on "Jefferson's Two Families."

Break for chapter members and guests lunch

Meeting was reconvened with David Thomas giving more information on a medal for military service. President Dave will make applications available. There are also campaign medals available through the state.

Mention was made by David Thomas of the Thomas Creek Battle commemoration coming up and the 132nd Congress of the SAR in Savannah Georgia in July.

Russ gave a report regarding the Welcome Back program with the Citrus Co. Schools on hold due to the latest Covid variant.

Poster contest will be about the Battle of Pensacola.

Web page update is still in progress.

The Xmas gifts went well with 8 razors and many other gifts. Walmart donated 10 DVD players.

NEW BUSINESS: Richard Bailey gave a report regarding using credit card readers for paying for lunch. Our current situation is members who make a reservation for lunch and don't show. The credit card charge will be a \$1.00 additional per meal. It is not possible to collect from members that do not show up even though our bylaws state that they are responsible to pay. Discussion ensued. Credit card reader will cost us \$50. Motion made and seconded to purchase the credit card reader and charge members when they make the reservation the cost of the meal plus a \$1.00 fee which is our approximate cost to use that reader. Motion passed unanimously.

President Dave appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to review a Bylaw change for a budget review once per year of Tom Bowen, Tom Hellem and James Peyton.

The President also discussed writing a letter to the National SAR regarding the lack of American made clothing for sale on the SAR website. Nelson Peters, Stephen Brown and Chris Faust will be on an Ad Hoc committee that will author that letter.

The President also appointed Nelson Peters and Tom Hellem as assistant registrars and Tom Hellem as assistant secretary and also looking for an assistant treasurer.

We also need someone to author articles for the newspaper and the National newsletter.

Happy dollars hat passed, recessional recited, and meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next EBM Saturday, January 29, 2022 @ 11:00 AM

Located at Beef O Brady's, Horse Lake Rd. Brooksville, Fl.

Next General Meeting February 12, 2022 @ 10:30 AM

Located on 509 E Hartford St. @ Citrus Hills Country Club



David Hitchcock, President



Tom Bowen, Secretary

ATTENDANCE; 22 members, guests and wives

John Attanasio, Thomas Bowen, Kenneth Dunn, Charlie Lukas, Chauncey Reich, David Reich, Richard Bailey, John Carey, Norm Freyer, Russ Gibson, Clyde Johnson, Stephen Brown, Vicki Brown, Jim Mullens, James Peyton, William Scheiterle, Robert Thomas, John Wilder, Dave Thomas (Regional Vice President), Jimmie Barnes, John Elley, David Hitchcock