



WITHLACOOCHEE CHAPTER
Sons of the American Revolution
March 13 2021

The General Meeting of the Withlacoochee Chapter of the SAR was called to order at 10:33 by Chapter President Dave Hitchcock.

NOTE; This General Meeting is being displayed on Zoom for those members who are unable to attend.

Invocation - Richard Trout II

Pledge of Allegiance - _____

The SAR Pledge: - Ken Dunn

The American Creed - _____

Introduction of Guest - Robert Folk Jr

o Stewart & Maryellen Dunaway, Lucille Sweeney, Lisa Sweeney, Christian Sweeney, Stephen Sweeney

Opening Comments – Members in need of prayer

o Duanne Laughlin, a longtime member of the chapter passed on February 25, 2021 and is buried in New Philadelphia, Ohio on March 11th.

o John A W Camillo, passed on a past In Longwood, Fl in late January and is buried in Bushnell National Cemetery. Compatriot Laughlin is a past President in the early years of Withlacoochee Chapter. Wife Susan and their Daughter Anne will be our guest in April. We will honor Susan and John for the work in our Chapter's Formative years. Susan's was instrumental in forming the Ladies Auxiliary and founding the Fort Cooper DAR chapter and serving that chapter's first Regent.

o Say a prayer for all members and family who are sick or are in need of payer.

Member in Attendance- See attached list

o Attendance 26; Meeting Attendees, Thomas Bowen, Kenneth Dunn, Robert Folk Sr., Nelson Peters, Chauncey Reich, Richard Bailey, Russell Gibson, Millard Hodges, Clyde Johnson, Stephen Brown, Mark Labadia, James Peyton, Ronald Powell, William Scheiterle II, Richard Sumner II, Paul Sweeney, William Teater Sr., Jack Townsend Jr, Thomas Venard, John Wilder, Jimmie Barnes, Tom Hellem, David Hitchcock, Richard Trout II, Robert Highbaugh

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS;

Paul Sweeney was inducted into the Withlacoochee Chapter and wife Lucille placed the Rosette to his lapel of his jacket.

Awards Presentation:

None

Speakers

o Stewart Dunaway; Speaking about the Southern Campaign - Pyle's defeat and Light Horse Harry's skirmish

with Tory forces.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Richard Bailey, Treasurer;

- o All the accounts have been balanced and reconciled; 2020 taxes have been paid. Any member inquiring of the Chapter Finances, please contact the treasurer by Phone or Email and the treasurer will provide the information requested.
- o At the EBM Compatriot Sumner raised the question about dues being paid by the chapter for SAR members of the national society with fifty years or more of membership.
- o Question on the treasury report as presented is too brief. Will check with the bylaws to see if there are any restrictions.

Motion to accept, motion 2nd, and voted to accept.

Secretary's Report – Tom Hellem, Secretary;

- o The last General meeting was held on February 13, 2021 and the EBM on February 27, 2021 meetings minutes are posted on the Withlacoochee Chapter web page.
- o 8 members attended the 02-27-2021 EBM
- o 3 members were reinstated and 1 new transfer into the chapter
- o Motion was made, 2nd, and, voted to accept.

WYKE - Stephen Brown

No report

Registrar Report – Stephen and Vicki Brown

- o Total members to date are 79
- o New applications under review at National are 3.
- o Newly approved Members; Juniors Braden and Ryne Eggstaff. Now have 3 generations of that family.
- o New applications under review at National are 3
- o New applications under review at State are 1
- o Recruits completed for signature are 4
- o New applicants of 3
- o Robert Highbaugh transferred into the chapter from Miami.

Veterans Committee – Larry Sturgeon

- o No Report.

Poster Contest – Larry Sturgeon

No report

JROTC/Sea Cadets/Color Guard – Russell Gibson;

Note: The parade at Cloverleaf Farms is canceled for this season.

- o The Color Guard has not participated in any events since Covid 19 started. The last Color Guard participation was to attend the Last Naval Battle off the coast of Cape Canaveral on March 7, 2020. At this time Charles Day is representing the Chapter at this event today. Charles Day will also represent the Chapter at the Battle of Thomas Creek event just north of Jacksonville.
- o Only one High School is sponsored in our JROTC program. The next JROTC event is the annual Memorial Day event may or may not be held.

Publicity – Mark Labadia

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Eagle Scouts – Charlie Day

- o No report

Poster Contest – Larry Sturgeon

No report

Web Page Richard Bailey

- o Still working on moving pictures to the new site.
- o The chapter is now developing a Zoom meeting for those members that cannot attend.
- o On the new site the administrator will be a time line of the revolution and collect history of members patriots to add to the time line.

Newsletter – Mark Labadia,

- o There will be a newsletter at the end of the month and include items from the meeting, the flag award, and notes about the speaker and his presentation.

Old Business – David Hitchcock;

No old business to report

New Business – Dave Hitchcock

o At the EBM there was discussion that SAR members in the Withlacoochee Chapter having attained 50 years of membership in good standing with the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution would have their annual dues paid by the Chapter in perpetuity. Also during the discussion it was decided that the Chapter By Laws be amended to reflect the new dues change.

o President Hitchcock has set-up a committee to review the By Laws and create the language for the change.

o Discussion of the By Laws change by the chapter members present brought issues to the floor; 1) no dual members would be included, 2) Only established members of the Withlacoochee Chapter would be eligible for the benefit.

o Motion was made to set up a committee to change the By Laws to reflect that the annual dues be paid by the chapter for those members with 50 years of SAR membership; Motion was seconded; Chapter membership voted and motion passed.

Ending Comments – Dave Hitchcock

None

Happy Dollars- Richard Bailey

Happy Dollars are collected to supplement the cost of the programs which the chapter is involved.

SAR Recessional

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next EBM Saturday, March 27, 2021 @ 11:00 AM

Located on Horse Lake Rd. in Hernando Co. @ Beef O Brady

Next General Meeting Saturday April 10, 2021 @ 10:30 AM

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