

# Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

## Pensacola Chapter

April 20, 2015

### Minutes

President Bill Lies called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. President Lies gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag, the Pledge to the SAR and the American's Creed. Eight members (Bob Canavello, Bill Lies, Ray Lantz, Chris Washler, Price Legg, Bill Nobles, Dave Matthews, and Randy Turner) and two guests attended. President Lies welcomed the attendees.

The members approved the motion by Dave Matthews, seconded by Ray Lantz, to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting.

The Treasurer's report was likewise accepted.

**Committee Reports:** No reports.

**Old Business:** A general consensus was reached that the dedication of the Revolutionary War Veterans Memorial should proceed in three phases. Phase 1 would involve meeting with the Veterans Memorial Park committee to discuss the concept of the dedication. That would involve discussing possible times and dates, seeing about insurance and other such requirements, obtaining permission for a musket volley and scheduling other associated events. Phase 2 would be actually picking a time and date and the associated planning and obtaining of permissions. Phase 3 would be publicizing the event and issuing the appropriate invitations to dignitaries, SAR and DAR officers and members, and members of the press.

**New Business:**

Discussion ensued on various items of consideration for commencing phase 1 of the dedication planning.

The following items were discussed: Other chapters have donated towards the monument and should be included in, and/or invited to, the dedication ceremonies. It is not necessary to tie the dedication to neither the Battle of Pensacola nor Independence Day. We should pick a date at least 60 days in the future, if not further. Choose a day other than holidays as invitees would have competing commitments on holidays. We need to coordinate with DAR and avoid dates that they are committed to. Compatriot Ray Lantz reminded all that we need to coordinate with NSSAR and FLSSAR. Compatriot Legg to coordinate with them. Secretary Canavello was asked to obtain a list of NSSAR, FLSSAR and local activities so as to avoid conflicts. Secretary was also asked to check with Veterans Memorial Park Committee on their scheduled activities and whether insurance or deposits are required for events in the park. Check with Ginger, State DAR Regent and/or her daughter, Chapter Regent. Dianna Lantz was requested to get a list of DAR Chapter meetings/activities for dates to avoid. A morning dedication was recommended followed by a luncheon or other similar reception. That would require requesting R.S.V.P.'s. It was also mentioned that our color guard should invite neighboring/other color guards. Ray Lantz will check with NSSAR and FLSSAR color guards.

On the subject of monthly versus bimonthly meetings, it was unanimously decided by all present that monthly meetings should be the norm until the planning for the dedication is complete.

There being no further business, President Lies led the SAR Recessional and the Benediction. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.



Robert Canavello, Secretary