

Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Pensacola Chapter
June 9, 2015
Minutes

President Bill Lies called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. President Lies gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag, the Pledge to the SAR and the American's Creed. Eleven members (Bob Canavello, Bill Lies, Bill Nobles, Ray Judd, David Matthews, Oscar Bellamy, Alvin Bellamy, Chris Washler, Randy Turner, John Matthews and Woody Barnes) and five guests (Jane Lies, Robert Nusbaum, Chad Nusbaum, Clark Pollit, and Phil Creighton) attended. President Lies welcomed the attendees.

A motion by John Matthews, seconded by Bill Nobles, to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting was passed.

The Treasurer reported that there was a balance of \$1,881.97 in the general account and a balance of \$829.60 in the Revolutionary War Veterans Memorial account and his report was likewise accepted.

Robert Nusbaum was sworn in as a new member.

Compatriot John Matthews was presented the Meritorious Service Medal for his efforts in writing grant proposals for the Revolutionary War Veterans Memorial.

Compatriot David Matthews was presented the Silver Roger Sherman Medal for his years of faithful service to the Chapter.

President Lies announced the passing of Compatriot Harmon Button in March. A Resolution of Regret and Respect was prepared and sent to his widow.

Committee Reports: Secretary Canavello attended a meeting of the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation (VMPF) and announced the desire of the Chapter to plan dedication of the Revolutionary War Veterans Memorial to be held in the Fall of this year. The VMPF had no objection and requested to be kept abreast of future planning.

The Good Citizenship Certificate program has concluded with 329 certificates printed and distributed to area schools.

Old Business: Discussion continued on the dedication arrangements.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the direction of the Chapter. What do we want to do or not do, regarding SAR programs and community outreach. The 1st Vice President will check on the availability of NSSAR programs to be utilized as "guest speaker" items during Chapter meetings.

Compatriot John Matthews mentioned that Macharaviaya, Spain, Pensacola's sister city, has a July 4th celebration each year with popcorn, hot dogs and other American fare. They have a museum on the Battle of Pensacola. Macharaviaya was the home of the noble Gálvez family, whose descendant Matías de Gálvez y Gallardo had been the viceroy of New Spain. His son Bernardo, who was born in the village, became Governor of Louisiana and captured Baton Rouge, Mobile and Pensacola from the British during the American Revolution. While traveling in Spain, John was made aware that the City did not have a Florida flag. He sent them one.

All in attendance were desirous of a picnic as were held in the past. The same location was agreed upon.

There being no further business, Compatriot John Matthews moved we adjourn, seconded by Compatriot Ray Judd, and President Lies then led the SAR Recessional and the Benediction. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.



Robert Canavello, Secretary