Dan River Chapter VASSAR

November 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Dan River Chapter Members in Attendance:

Gary Hall Ronnie Snead Dwight Spangler

Jeff Myers Boyd Archer Mike Gentry

Mike Geisinger Douglas Powell

Visitors: Greg Eanes (prospective member)

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Hall at 11:00 a.m. at Ernie’s Restaurant in South Boston,

Virginia. Prospective member Greg Eanes was introduced by our Registrar Mike Geisinger. The invocation was

given by Jeff Myers. A buffet lunch was served. Jeff Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the

SAR. Minutes for the February 15, 2020 meeting were read by Secretary Jeff Myers and approved by the

chapter.

Boyd Archer gave the Treasurer’s Report. There was a balance of $6,032.03 in the chapter account. The Dan

River Chapter currently has twenty seven (27) dues-paying members. Boyd also reported that he had

overlooked the chapter dues in his email to all chapter members. The total dues should have been $75.00.

If you have already paid your dues, please send in another $15.00 to the Dan River Chapter VASSAR. If you

have not paid dues yet, please send your check as soon as possible! Mail to: Boyd Archer, 1181 Nathalie Road,

Nathalie, VA 24577.

Past President Mike Geisinger reported Greg Eanes application has been submitted. Two more applications

are still being completed. We are also expecting a father and son to transfer membership to the Dan River

Chapter VASSAR. Mike Gentry’s Supplemental Applications are being processed, and two Supplemental

Applications are being submitted for President Gary Hall.

Past President Mike Geisinger gave an update on the Crossing of the Dan for 2021. Due to COVID-19

limitations, this year’s Crossing Commemoration will be a one-day affair on February 20, 2021. Mike Cicere

will be the featured speaker, and a wreath-laying ceremony will be held at the crossing site, at the museum, or

at Constitution Square. We may be limited to a virtual event on Zoom.

Boyd Archer reported that the chapter website is up and running at DanRiverSAR.org. Please go to the site and

use it! The web site is also connected to our Facebook account. If you have any suggestions for the website,

please contact Boyd. Thanks Boyd for all of your hard work!

The VASSAR Semi-Annual Meeting was held on September 19, 2020 at Berry Hill Plantation. It was a virtual

meeting on Zoom. President Gary Hall is working on the Patriot Research System (PRS) with VASSAR. The data

entry is different from the regular membership application. The president also reported that VASSAR wants

every chapter to present at least one Flag Certificate in 2021.

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The following officers were elected for 2021: President Gary Hall

Secretary Jeff Myers

Treasurer Boyd Archer

Registrar Mike Geisinger

Marking of the Race for the Dan Trail as part of the Revolutionary War Trail program was discussed.

President Gary Hall gave an interesting and informative program about Patriot Robert Long, who participated

in the Crossing of the Dan on February 14, 1781. Notes are attached.

Secretary Jeff Myers presented information about VASSAR’s new publication, Genealogical, Burial, and Service

Data for Revolutionary War Patriots Buried in Virginia.

The next meeting will be held on December 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Ernie’s Restaurant in South Boston.

Spouses / Significant Others are also invited.

Closing remarks were given by President Gary Hall, and the SAR Recessional was led by Jeff Myers. The

meeting was adjourned by President Gary Hall at 12:25 p.m.

Jeffrey F. Myers

Secretary

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