



**Minutes of the Executive Committee of the  
Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter  
The Sons of the American Revolution**

Monday, February 16, 2015

The Executive Committee of the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution met on Monday, February 16th, 2015 at the Berks County Genealogical Society at the Goggleworks, Reading, PA.

Those attending: Compatriots Leon E. Adam, Miles K. Dechant, Bruce L. Dietrich, Barry L. Kauffman, David G. Loose Jr., Charles H. Seibert and Eric H. Troutman.

Those not attending: Compatriots Dr. David C. Brock, Robert M. Hillegas, Honorable Scott E. Lash, Nevin C. Miller, Dr. Thomas A. Stewart and Floyd N. Turner II.

The meeting was called to order at 1830 by Leon E. Adam.

**The minutes of the November 4th, 2014 Executive Board Meeting** were approved as amended. Charles Seibert made a motion, Eric Troutman seconded and the Board approved.

**Treasurer's Report: David G. Loose Jr.**

Balance, 13 Aug 2014	\$ 5,401.81
Income	3,982.00
Disbursements	<u>2,806.33</u>
Cash on Hand, 4 Nov 2014	\$ 6,577.48
Cash in Savings, 4 Nov 2014	4,828.86
Total Cash in the Bank	<u><u>\$ 11,406.34</u></u>

The reserves for the Color Guard Fund (\$886.06), Youth Activities Fund (\$972.95) and Reserve for PASSAR Meeting Bus Rental of \$265.00 are included in the cash on hand total.

The Treasurer's Report was approved and filed for Audit.

**Genealogist Report: Eric H. Troutman**

**Applications at National Headquarters:**

**New Members Approved**

Roger A. Broome	Johannes Follmer
David E. Dechant	Michael Emerick
Zachary C. Heath	Georg Muller
George E. Miller	Georg Muller
George E. Miller Jr.	Georg Muller

## **Genealogist Report: Eric H. Troutman - *continued***

### **Applications at National Headquarters:**

#### **Supplementals Approved:**

Willard N. Brensinger Jr.	Joseph Eberhard
Clark D. Frederic	Martin Kercher / Kaercher
Raymond H. Longacre	Johannes Detwiler / Detweiler
Gerald C. Peppel	Johannes Detwiler / Detweiler
Charles H. Seibert	Christopher Gerhart

#### **New Member Applications**

Knox L. Buchner  
Kenneth W. Roberts  
R. Glenn Weyer  
Erik G. Weyer

#### **Supplemental Applications**

None at this time.

Our Chapter currently has 141 members. Eric is currently working with 18 prospective members. Since the last Board Meeting we have 5 new members and 5 supplementals approved and we have 4 new member applications down at National.

As of today, we have 10 compatriots that have not paid their 2015 Membership Dues. Leon Adam will contact Nevin Miller, so that he can contact these individuals one last time.

### **Color Guard Report: Charles H. Seibert**

The next event will be the Washington Birthday Celebration Event.

- ❖ We currently have 5 Color Guard members for the event.
- ❖ Board confirmed that the opening meeting will not require the Pledge to the SAR or the Recessional and discussed an outline for the Program. A vote on the Pledge and Recessional was taken under new business.
  - Presentation of the Colors
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - National Anthem
  - Release the Color Guard
  - Invocation
  - Program
  - Benediction
  - Retire the Colors
- ❖ Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - Samuel Etters Grave Dedication at the Palm City Park, Anneville, PA. Event starts at 11:00am. Color Guard to arrive at 10:30AM.
- ❖ Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - Oley Elementary School will be holding a Patriot Day and have invited us to present Colors. The time is to be determined.

### **Eagle Scout Report: Barry Kauffman**

We have attended thirty-four Courts of Honor so far. We received approximately 20 names of Scouts who have passed their Board. Of the 20, only 3 requested certificates.

### **Veteran's Report: Charles H. Seibert**

Started participating in an outreach program with Doug & Liz Graybill in Veterans Making a Difference. They hold stand-downs to help needy veterans.

On January 30th 2015, President General Brock officially brought the Military Service Veterans Corps online. Veteran's receiving an honorable discharge and were awarded the National Defense Service Medal can forward their DD214 to receive a number Certificate of Patriotism signed by President General Brock.

### **Old Business:**

- ❖ Planning continues for the May 2015 BOM Meeting to include a luncheon at Salem Belleman's Church. Leon is working to put a gift bag together from the Visitor's Bureau. Every registered attendee will receive 2 soft pretzels.
- ❖ Allegiance Sunday will be held on June 21st at St. Michaels Church in Tilden Township. Barry has a list of the Patriot's that are buried there. Barry will be speaking on Frederic Moyer who does not have a tomb stone, which the Chapter could buy for \$250. Miles Dechant made a motion to purchase a stone, Barry Kauffman seconded and the Board Approved. It was further unanimously approved by the Board that future stones would be purchased "at the discretion of the Executive Board."

### **New Business:**

- ❖ Received Renewal Form from the Friends of the SAR Library. Miles Dechant made a motion to renew for \$25. Eric Troutman seconded and the Board approved.
- ❖ Bruce Dietrich and Miles Dechant went to the Reading Museum and were interviewed by the Reading Eagle regarding Washington's Birthday.
- ❖ George Washington's Birthday Celebration will be held at the Berkshire Country Club on February 21st, 2015 at 12pm. The speaker will be Professor Tim H. Blessing, Ph.D. A vote was taken on whether we should say the SAR Pledge and Recessional. 1 nay and 6 nay in favor of skipping the recessional.
- ❖ It was learned that Nevin Miller covered the 2015 Membership Dues for David Loose Sr. Barry Kauffman made a motion to reimburse Nevin, Bruce Dietrich seconded and the Board approved.
- ❖ Bruce Dietrich thanked members for signing the ROTC Certificates. They will be presented to the various schools starting in May.
- ❖ The June meeting will be at Ganley's Irish Pub in Wyomissing, PA.

**Miles Dechant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Charles Seibert seconded and the Board approved. The Meeting adjourned at 20:54.**