



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

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

The Executive Committee of the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution met on Wednesday, February 13th, 2013 at the home of Treasurer R. Wayne Murray.

Those attending: Compatriots Eric H. Troutman, Robert W. Murray, Floyd N. Turner II, Bruce L. Dietrich, Miles K. Dechant, David G. Loose Jr., Barry L. Kauffman, Nevin C. Miller, Leon E. Adam and Willard N. Brensinger.

Those not attending: Compatriots Martin J. Peicker, David C. Brock MD and Scott E. Lash, Esq.

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by President B. Kauffman.

The minutes of the November 14th, 2012 Executive Board Meeting were approved. L. Adam made a motion, F. Turner II seconded and the Board approved.

Treasurer's Report: W. Murray

Balance, 14 Nov 2012	\$ 7,287.17
Income	5,044.00
Disbursements	<u>7,009.72</u>
Cash on Hand, 13 Feb 2013	\$ 5,321.45
Cash in Savings, 13 Feb 2013	<u>4,696.38</u>
Total Cash in the Bank	<u><u>\$ 10,017.83</u></u>

The reserves for the Color Guard Fund (\$681.75) and Youth Activities Fund (\$988.45) are included in the cash on hand total.

President Kauffman mentioned that Floyd Turner II sent flowers on behalf of our Chapter to pay tribute for the passing of Henry L. Troutman. M. Dechant made a motion to reimburse F. Turner II, N. Miller seconded and the Board approved.

W. Murray requested to have the Treasurer's Report audited. Ideally the Treasurer's Report should be audited annually. M. Peicker will lead the audit of the report.

M. Dechant raised the question if our Chapter should have a policy to recognize a member in good standing that passes away. B. Kauffman stated that our Chapter's policy will be for someone on the executive Board to contact the Chapter Chaplain to handle the purchasing of flowers for the family as a courtesy from the Chapter. L. Adam made a motion, W. Murray seconded and the Board approved.

The Treasurer Report was approved and filed for Audit.

Genealogist Report: E. Troutman**New Members:**

Parker A. Madgy
Daniel B. McAteer
Robert W. McAteer
Thomas E. McAteer

Ancestor:

Peter Heilman
John Adam Bolender
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Supplementals Approved:

Willard N. Brensinger, Jr.
Robert M. Hillegas
Larry A. Madgy
Charles H. Seibert
Eric H. Troutman

Ancestor:

Jacob Fry & martin Miller
Casper Messner
Mathias King
Daniel Weiser, Johannes Potts & Bernhardt Zimmerman
Heinrich Haeffner & Johann George Heffner

Applications at National Headquarters:

New Member Application David B. Goss

Supplmental Approved:

Eric H. Troutman John George Miller & Peter Haass

So far in 2013 our Chapter has 113 members plus 3 dual members. Six supplemental applications were approved since the new year. E. Troutman is currently working with Wayne Anthony and his son Evan on their Supplemental Applications.

E. Troutman gave M. Dechant member information for the next Chapter book. In four years we gained 63 members and added 49 Supplemental Applications. We had six transfers in over the years and one application that were missed in the last book. The next book will have 119 pages (representing 119 applications) and we are on our way to start book number 5.

M. Dechant requested authorization for reimbursement to have the Chapter book bound. L. Adam made a motion, W. Brensinger seconded and the Board approved.

District Deputy Report: E. Troutman

Our Chapter had great attendance at the last PASSAR meeting in Camp Hill. A total of eight Chapter members attended.

Color Guard Report: W. Brensinger

Below is a new list of upcoming events.

- ❖ February 17 – Flag Retirement Ceremony at Berks County Fire Training Center at 1pm.
- ❖ May 25th – Wyomissing Hills Memorial Day Parade assemble at 9am – parade starts at 9:45am.
- ❖ May 27th – Bernville Parade at 2pm.
- ❖ July 4th – Wyomissing Parade assemble at 9:45am – parade starts at 10am.

Color Guard Report: W. Brensinger - Continued

- ❖ Conrad Weiser – date and time are unknown.
- ❖ November 11th – Veteran’s Day ceremony in City Park, Reading at 11am.
- ❖ December 14th – Wreath’s Across America ceremony honoring veterans at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery at 12pm.

B. Kauffman mentioned he had a request from the Body Zone for July 2nd, 2013. The Body Zone runs a weekly summer camp program for ages 3 to 13. They would like to have some of our Color Guard members come and talk to the youths and explain the significance of July 4th.

B. Kauffman also noted that our Color Guard is big enough that we could potentially start attending multiple events and doubling our exposure. The Board discussed the need for potentially buying more flags or muskets in order to properly cover two parade events at the same time.

CAR Report: Floyd N. Turner II

The Conrad Weiser Society is teaming up with the Berks County V.A. Office for the upcoming Flag Retirement Ceremony. Kate Turner of the Conrad Weiser Society of CAR is a candidate for National Treasurer.

Eagle Scout Report: R. Wayne Murray

For the calendar year of 2012 the committee was invited to attend sixty-one Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. We were unable to commit to nineteen other ceremonies but the appropriate information was sent to each Eagle Scout. We try to contact all Eagle Scouts when we are aware they have passed their Board of Review but, unfortunately many of the Eagle Scouts forget to contact the SAR when their Courts of honor are firmly established.

So far for 2013, we have attended nine Courts of Honor and have one scheduled for February, five for March and two for May.

We had six scouts submit applications for the 2012 Scout Recognition Award. Upon review of the submissions the committee chose as the winner, Brant Portner from Troop 430, St. Ignatius Loyola, West Lawn. He will be honored at our June Quarterly Meeting.

W. Brensinger noted that our certificates are being distributed without presentation folders, which do not look as nice. The cost is approximately \$1 per folder. M. Dechant made a motion to buy 50 folders, F. Turner II seconded and the Board approved.

B. Kauffman mentioned that he, Wayne and Nevin met with the Youth Scout Executive in January regarding the decor of the American Flag during presentations. Nevin was appointed to attend District Roundtables to describe proper Flag etiquette.

Eagle Scout Report: - Continued

Below is the upcoming Roundtable Schedule:

- ❖ Muhlenberg High School on March 12th.
- ❖ Frontier District at Oley Valley High School on March 13th.
- ❖ Broad Mountain Avenue in Frackville on April 10th.
- ❖ Cacoosing District Roundtable at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sinking Spring on April 11th.

The Youth Scout Executive also invited representatives from our Chapter to attend their summer camp retreat ceremony that is held every Friday afternoon when they lower the Flag. They also have an annual Eagle Scout Dinner where they invite all of the Scouts that became an Eagle during the prior year. Each Scout has a sponsor and they try to get someone in the vocation they are inspiring for. Our Chapter's color Guard has been invited to this event to present colors. The banquet will be sometime in June.

Flag Committee Report:

Walter R. Christ Funeral Home (Kuhn's Funeral Home) will be the next Flag Certificate recipient for their display of the American Flag. F. Turner II will assist with preparing the Flag Certificate once a date has been set.

Old Business:

- ❖ E. Troutman mentioned that we were given a Certificate with a Streamer for the \$500 that our Chapter donated for the new building. We were one of two Chapters in Pennsylvania to receive this award. Philadelphia was the other Chapter.
- ❖ W. Bresinger noted we have five flags and three flag covers and wants to order two more. N. Miller made a motion to reimburse for the cost, M. Dechant seconded and the Board approved.

New Business:

- ❖ B. Kauffman provided the following tentative schedule for the remaining 2013 quarterly dinner meetings:
 - The June meeting will be at Yellow House Hotel in Douglasville, PA. Charlie Adams will be the speaker on the topic of "Colonial Ghosts."
 - Our September meeting will be at the Heidelberg Country Club in Bernville, PA. The prospective speaker will be Major Matt Arbogast.
 - The December meeting will be at the Berkshire Country Club. L. Adam's will be in charge for lining up some Christmas themed entertainment.
- ❖ The Next Board meeting will be held at the residence of President B. Kauffman.
- ❖ D. Loose gathered additional information needed for the Annual Chapter Survey.
- ❖ E. Troutman noted that we need to set up arrangements for Allegiance Sunday. We are currently looking to recognize Charles Seibert's ancestor at Bower's Church. The Board tentatively selected June 23rd or June 30th as possible dates.

New Business: - Continued

- ❖ E. Troutman mentioned his term as 2nd Vice President at PASSAR will end in 2015. Our chapter has to host the annual banquet & annual meeting on May 1st and May 2nd, 2015. Eric has possibly lined up entertainment for that Friday night. Eric is also planning a memorial service at Belleman's Church which will also be celebrating its 200th anniversary.
- ❖ W. Murray received a letter from National for the Library requesting a \$25 donation. F. Turner II made a motion, M. Dechant seconded and the Board approved.
- ❖ F. Turner II mentioned that the Daniel Boone Homestead will be hosting a Revolutionary War encampment on August 10th and 11th, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 2040.