



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

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

The Executive Committee of the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution met on Wednesday, May 15th, 2013 at the home of President Barry L. Kauffman.

Those attending: Compatriots Willard N. Brensinger Jr., Miles K. Dechant, Bruce L. Dietrich, Robert M. Hillegas, Barry L. Kauffman, David G. Loose Jr., Nevin C. Miller, Robert W. Murray, Martin J. Peicker, Charles H. Seibert, Eric H. Troutman and Floyd N. Turner II.

Those not attending: Compatriots Leon E. Adam, 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 February 13th, 2013** Executive Board Meeting were approved as amended. N. Miller made a motion, R. Hillegas seconded and the Board approved.

**Treasurer's Report: W. Murray**

Balance, 13 Feb 2013	\$ 5,321.45
Income	1,416.00
Disbursements	<u>1,428.05</u>
Cash on Hand, 15 May 2013	\$ 5,309.40
Cash in Savings, 15 May 2013	<u>4,696.50</u>
Total Cash in the Bank	<u><u>\$ 10,005.90</u></u>

The reserves for the Color Guard Fund (\$641.75) and Youth Activities Fund (\$938.45) are included in the cash on hand total.

Wayne will be ordering presentation folders from the store and asked if any members need any other supplies to let him know.

The Treasurer Report was approved and filed for Audit.

**Genealogist Report: E. Troutman**

**New Members:**

Capt. David Benjamin Goss  
Robert W. Bloch  
Richard V. Horst

**Ancestor:**

Henry Whetstone  
Michael Wolfgang  
Jacob Bieber / Beaver

**Supplementals Approved:**

Willard N. Brensinger, Jr.  
Eric H. Troutman

**Ancestor:**

Nicholas Kutz & Joseph Siegfried  
Samuel Miller

**Applications at National Headquarters:**

Jason D. Lawrence  
James D. Lawrence

**Supplemental Application submitted to National Headquarters:**

Willard N. Brensinger Jr.

E. Troutman is currently working with 20 prospective members. M. Dechant mailed out five letters to at large members, but received no response.

**District Deputy Report: E. Troutman**

Our Chapter continues to well with membership compared to the other Chapters in the state. Our Chapter came in first place in the Annual Chapter Activity Contest our first year in Division A (Chapters with 100+ members). The next PASSAR meeting will be held in August in Erie, PA.

The winner of the ROTC Essay contest was from Washington Crossing and was awarded a check for \$500. There were approximately four entries for the contest. The Poster Contest winner was likely from Philadelphia.

**Color Guard Report: W. Brensinger Jr.**

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, five of our chapter members attended and assisted the Fort Halifax Chapter of the SAR at a Revolutionary War soldier's grave dedication service at Zion's Stone Valley Church. There are eleven soldiers are buried there.

- ❖ May 25<sup>th</sup> – Wyomissing Hills Memorial Day Parade assembles at 9am – parade starts at 9:45am.
- ❖ May 27<sup>th</sup> – Bernville Parade at 2pm.
- ❖ July 4<sup>th</sup> – Wyomissing Parade assembles at 9:45am – parade starts at 10am.

B. Kauffman indicated that the July 2<sup>nd</sup> event at the Body Zone will probably not materialize. Also, we still have some Boy Scout Roundtable's to attend, but we will follow up on the possibility of presenting colors at Boy Scout Summer Camp. We are also looking to have our color guard present colors at the Eagle Recognition Dinner next year.

**CAR Report: Floyd N. Turner II**

The new State President of the Pennsylvania Society of the CAR is Kyle Popielarski. He is also a member of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the SAR. He has chosen for his project to raise funds for the Gettysburg Foundation as they are in the process of renovating the George Spangler Farm on the Gettysburg Battlefield. CAR funds this year will go towards the educational the interpretive system that will be installed at the barn which was the site of the 11<sup>th</sup> Corps Field hospital. It's also the location where Confederate General Lewis Armistead died after Picketts Charge.

The new National President is Caitlin Collins and she has chosen for her project to raise funds to support the Student Veteran's of America. Funds raised will go towards financing education of returning veteran's.

**Eagle Scout Report: R. Wayne Murray**

So far in 2013 we have attended twenty-seven Eagle Courts of Honor and have five additional ceremonies on our schedule. Certificates were sent to four Eagle Scouts whose ceremonies we were unable to attend.

Compatriots B. Kauffman, N. Miller and W. Murray recently attended a Round Table in Schuylkill County where Nevin presented our concerns regarding flag etiquette during Courts of Honor and life in general.

As indicated previously, we will honor our 2012 Eagle Scout Scholarship winner, Brant Portner at our June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at Yellow House Hotel. Brant is from Troop 430, St. Ignatious Loyola in West Lawn. His parents Dolores and Greg Portner will also be attending the June meeting. The State winner was Kurt Robert Keller of the Valley Forge Chapter and the National winners have not been announced yet.

Many thanks to our committee for their dedication to the scouting program.

**Flag Committee Report:**

B. Kauffman also mentioned that we should finalize arrangements to have our Color Guard present the Flag Certificate to the Walter R. Christ Funeral Home (Kuhn's Funeral Home) in Lauerdale, PA. Ideally we should have four or more Color Guard members for the event. Typically the Reading Eagle is contacted to publicize the event. The date that was tentatively selected was Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The four Color Guard members likely to attend are: N. Miller, E. Troutman, C. Seibert and R. Hillegas.

**Junior SAR Report: B. Dietrich:**

Prepared a report for Floyd, which describes the schools our Chapter supports and the people who won. Also mentioned that David G. Loose Jr. joined the committee and will be assisting Bruce.

**Old Business:**

- ❖ We received a letter from Sime B. Bertolet, Executive Director at the Historical Society of Berks County thanking our Chapter for our \$500 donation towards the Boss Steam Car Project.
- ❖ B. Kauffman confirmed he will be presenting the Wreath in Veterans Grove in City Park on Memorial Day.

**Old Business: - *Continued***

- ❖ Our chapter is hosting the annual banquet & annual meeting on May 1st and May 2nd, 2015. In order to reserve the date at the Inn at Reading our Chapter has to sign a contract and pay a \$500 reservation fee. R. Hillegas made a motion to sign the contract and approve payment, M. Dechant seconded and the Board approved.

**New Business:**

- ❖ E. Troutman requested to have a contact list of all executive committee members.
- ❖ Charles Siebert was asked to be Chairman of the Veteran's Affairs Committee.
- ❖ For Allegiance Sunday we will be recognizing Charles Seibert's ancestor at Bower's Church on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am. B. Kauffman purchased Betsy Ross Flags to place on the gravesites.
- ❖ N. Miller mentioned that there is a German Society of the SAR and the dues are only \$10 to join.
- ❖ E. Troutman mentioned that we need more Chapter Brochures. Floyd Turner II is going to shop around for prices.
- ❖ B. Kauffman provided the following tentative schedule for the remaining 2013 quarterly dinner meetings:
  - 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.
- ❖ E. Troutman mentioned that donations are still being accepted for the new building.

**R. Hillegas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 20:47, W. Murray seconded and the Board approved.**