



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

Wednesday, February 08, 2012

The Executive Committee of the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution met on Wednesday, February 8th, 2012 at the home of Treasurer R. Wayne Murray.

Those attending: Compatriots Eric H. Troutman, Floyd N. Turner II, Robert M. Hillegas, Robert W. Murray, David G. Loose Jr., Barry L. Kauffman, Nevin C. Miller, David C. Brock MD, Willard N. Brensinger and Martin J. Piecker.

Those not attending: Compatriots Miles K. Dechant and Scott E. Lash, Esq.

The meeting was called to order at 1710 by President R. Hillegas.

The minutes of the November 9, 2011 Executive Board Meeting were approved as corrected. E. Nevin made a motion, M. Piecker seconded and the Board approved.

R. Murray gave the Treasurer's Report:

Balance, 08 Nov, 2011	\$ 5,727.30
Income	4,895.00
Disbursements	<u>5,801.99</u>
Cash on Hand, 08 Feb 2012	\$ 4,820.31
Cash in Savings, 08 Feb 2012	<u>4,694.51</u>
Total Cash in the Bank	<u><u>\$ 9,514.82</u></u>

R. Murray handed out a Budget Analysis for years 2008 through 2012 indicating how our Chapter's funds were utilized during those respective years. The budget for 2012 is only a rough estimate, but it's expected that actual numbers will be close to break even. Murray also noted the Newsletter costs would be higher, but F. Turner contributes most of the printing.

R Murray provided a Status of the Raffle: The Chapter took in \$575 for 130 tickets but needs to give out \$1,000 minimum before March.

E. Nevin raised a question when our Chapter could make a larger donation to the library. He noted a chapter in Congress Park with 8 members that donated \$500 towards the library.

Report was accepted and filed for audit.

E. Troutman, Genealogist gave his report as follows:

10 New Members	Ancestor:
Earl L. Brown, Jr.	Bernhardt Heller
Cedric C. Jimerson	Daniel Toll Clute
Kyle S. Leath	Daniel Melson
Philip H. Leath	Daniel Melson
Larry A. Magdy	Daniel Melson
Patrick A. Magdy	Peter Heilman
Joseph F. Mamola	Peter Heilman
Thomas A. Stewart, MD	William Stewart
Paul J. Teiken, M.D.	Archibald Johnson
Jason M. Teiken	Archibald Johnson

Supplementals Approved:

Willard N. Brensinger, Jr. (1)	Jacob Oswald
Raymond H. Longacre (3)	Peter Heilman, Johannes Yoder & Johan Conrad George
Gerald C. Peppel (2)	Peter Heilman & Johann Conrad George
Eric H. Troutman (2)	Martin Battorf & Andreas Schoener

Three Supplemental Applications are at National Headquarters, with three more on their way to National. We presently have 97 members, plus 2 dual members.

E. Troutman discussed the success of our chapter with getting new members: 17 members in 2009, 15 members in 2010 and 8 members in 2011 with 76 applications collected during that time period. At 92 members, our Chapter was the 6th largest in the state.

Discussion was held regarding an issue occurring at National with "State-At-Large" members who are not assigned to any Chapter. There are currently 80 members At-Large. The following Counties near our Chapter have At-Large members: Schuylkill County - 2 members, Berks County - 2 members and Lancaster - 1 member. The two members At-Large in Berks County are: Dean J. Stellwagon, Mohrsville, PA and Lynn R. Sprankel, Tipton, PA.

Membership Committee Report: Robert M. Hillegas

Chapter of Activities Report is Due April 1st. For the report, it was noted that Miles K. Dechant was awarded the National Minuteman Award and was elected Library General. M. Dechant also attended 3 PASSAR Meetings. Additional 2011 Chapter information is needed from the Secretary Minutes in order to complete the survey.

Color Guard Report: Floyd N. Turner II

Still looking for a new Color Guard Captain. There are several upcoming events:

- Flag Retirement Ceremony on February 19, 2012 on Fritz Island.
- National Color Guard Event, Constitution Center Anniversary in September 2012.

E. Troutman mentioned that Allegiance Sunday is on June 24, 2012 at Goshenhoppen Church in East Greenville, Montgomery, PA. E. Troutman also noted a DAR Grave Marking Ceremony during the week of June 17th to the 23rd near Bernville, PA for Dr.

Phillip Kline. Lastly, it was mentioned that our Chapter was asked to be the primary Color Guard for the housing of a new fire engine in Bernville, PA on June 9, 2012.

Newsletter Report: Floyd N. Turner II

The next Newsletter will be out at the end of April or beginning of May in order to allow time to register for the June Meeting. The newsletter will not be out in time for the May 4th & 5th PASSAR event.

Currently, one-fifth of our Chapter members receive the newsletter by email (approximately 19 members). E. Troutman indicated he will set up new members to automatically receive the newsletter by email.

CAR/DAR Report: Floyd N. Turner II

DAR/CAR State Conference on March 23rd and 24th 2012 and at that time Kate Turner of the Conrad Weiser Society will be nominated for President and F. Turner will be nominated for Senior State President. The nominees will get sworn in at Mt. Vernon in April.

N. Miller motioned for a \$25 contribution to PA CAR State Conference, F. Turner seconded and the Board approved.

Eagle Scout Report: R. Wayne Murray

There were five Eagle Scout applications this year. There will be a Court of Honor held on Saturday, March 17, 2012. In addition, coverage is needed for the following Courts of Honor dates: March 10th, March 18th and March 29th.

Discussion was held on Respect for the Flag, which is new for scouts and scout leaders and developing a more organized program for Courts of Honor held for Eagle Scouts.

R. Hillegas mentioned the "Good Citizen Patch" for Eagle Scouts. We currently give patches to those Eagle Scouts who participate in the scholarship contest. The cost is \$2.50 per patch. Our Chapter would need approximately 100 patches a year.

E. Troutman mentioned the state waives the state dues for members and pay only the national dues for active-duty military members. A vote was held a few years back to waive chapter dues. The military member is only responsible for the application dues.

Flag Committee Report: Robert M. Hillegas

Historical Society Flag Certificate for a Flag Ceremony that will be held for the Historical Society of Leesport.

New Business:

Poster Contest - R. Hillegas mentioned a few schools were contacted but the Kings Academy is currently reviewing to see if they are interested.

R. Hillegas discussed the need for Engraved Sympathy Cards so that when a member passes the Chaplain can send a card. Suggested ordering a pack of 25 cards. E. Troutman motioned, F. Turner seconded and the Board approved.

B. Kauffman mentioned that Les Rohrbach and Karla Hummel of the Berks County Association for Graveyard Preservation were selected to speak at the next quarterly meeting. N. Miller motioned to donate \$100 to the Association, D. Brock seconded and the Board approved.

Lottery tickets will continue to be sold for \$20 for 5 tickets. M. Piecker brought a Lenox pitcher from the Bi-Centennial to be used as a raffle prize.

R. Murray noted that the Chapter typically donates \$25 to the Friend's of SAR Library. E. Nevin motioned, M. Piecker seconded and the Board approved.

Old Business:

Contacted Stokesay Castle and the Reading Country Club for the meals. The June meeting will mark the Chapters 75th Anniversary. We would be inviting presidents from other chapters. Discussed the need for additional Rosettes.

The meeting was adjourned at 2157.