



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

Wednesday, May 09, 2012

The Executive Committee of the Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution met on Wednesday, May 9th, 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, Miles K. Dechant, Bruce L. Dietrich, David G. Loose Jr., Barry L. Kauffman, Nevin C. Miller, David T. Schultz, Willard N. Brensinger and Martin J. Peicker.

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

The meeting was called to order at 1902 by President R. Hillegas.

The minutes of the February 8, 2012 Executive Board Meeting were approved as corrected. N. Miller made a motion, M. Peicker seconded and the Board approved.

W. Murray gave the Treasurer's Report:

Balance, 08 Feb, 2012	\$ 4,820.31
Income	1,424.00
Disbursements	<u>1,993.39</u>
Cash on Hand, 08 May 2012	\$ 4,250.92
Cash in Savings, 09 May 2012	<u>4,695.09</u>
Total Cash in the Bank	<u>\$ 8,946.01</u>

W. Murray mailed a check to the winner of the drawing and mailed a check for \$500 to the Foundation. E. Troutman indicated that our Chapter should receive a banner for the flag.

The Treasurer Report was approved and filed for Audit. N. Miller made a motion, M. Peicker seconded and the Board approved.

E. Troutman, Genealogist gave his report as follows:

9 New Members

Kyle S. Leath
Philip H. Leath
Larry A. Magdy
Patrick A. Magdy
Joseph F. Mamola
Thomas A. Stewart, MD
Bruce X. Vaughan
Cael S. Vaughan
Thomas J. Vaughan

Ancestor:

Daniel Melson
Daniel Melson
Peter Heilman
Peter Heilman
Jeremiah Barrus
William Stewart
Elisha Phelps
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Transfer In:

Dean J. Stellwagon
Anthony Morris

Dual Members:

Stephen W. Tanner of Texas

Supplementals Approved:

Willard N. Brensinger, Jr. (2)
Jacob Oswald
Nicholas Seager

Eric H. Troutman (5)
Anna Maria (Geiger) Schoener
Jost Hoffmann
Jacob Morgen
Sebastian Morian
David Muller

At this time E. Troutman is working with 12 prospective members. We presently have 101 members, plus 3 dual members. 81 members live in our coverage area, 7 live in other parts of PA, 12 live out of state and one lives in Germany.

Membership Demographics: Ages 18 and under = 9, Ages 19-39 = 11; Ages 40-59 = 23; Ages 60-79 = 38 and Ages 80 & above = 20.

Discussion was held as to which territory Lancaster County falls in.

District Deputy Report given by E. Troutman

At the PASSAR meeting we discussed Chapters having difficulties recruiting new members.

Color Guard Report: W. Brensinger

Color Guard members will receive an email before every event containing details about the event. The Color Guard is currently double booked for Memorial Day, May 28, 2012 and the Board chose to participate in the Bernville Parade.

There are several upcoming events:

- Wyomissing Hills Memorial Day Parade on May 26th.
- Combined Veteran's Council Memorial Day ceremony in City Park, Reading, PA on May 28th.
- Bernville Parade on May 28th.
- Bernville Anniversary Parade on June 9th, our Chapter will be the lead Color Guard for that event.

- DAR grave marking ceremony on June 21st at Althalha Lutheran Church Cemetery in Rehrersburg, PA for Dr. Philip Kline.
- Allegiance Sunday on June 24, 2012 at New Goshenhoppen UCC Church in East Greenville, PA.
- Wyomissing Parade, July 4th.
- National Color Guard Event, Constitution Center Anniversary on September 15th.
- Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11th in City Park, Reading, PA.
- Wreath's Across Ceremony honoring veteran's at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, December 8th.

Newsletter Report: Floyd N. Turner II

N. Miller suggested having contact information listed in the newsletter for Chapter Officers. Most of the information is already available on the Chapter website.

CAR/DAR Report: Floyd N. Turner II

Mentioned upcoming CAR/DAR events including the grave marking ceremony and the CAR/DAR Flag Day Luncheon.

The Conrad Weiser Society has its first State President, Kate Turner. Kate's project is to transport, restore and display a 1905 Boss Steam Car in the Historical Society of Berks County. The car was placed on loan to the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles. The museum has taken the car off display, but the Historical Society needs the funds to bring it back. The Society is attempting to raise \$2,000 to \$5,000 for the project. Kreitz Trucking is donating the transportation. The goal is to complete the project by February 2013 so that the car is on display in time for the Pennsylvania State Conference that is being hosted by the Conrad Weiser Society during March 2013. R. Hillegas appointed the following individuals onto a donation recommendation committee: B. Kauffman (Chairman), M. Dechant, D. Shultz and W. Murray. The committee will make its recommendation at the 75th Anniversary Meeting on June 14th.

Eagle Scout Report: R. Wayne Murray

We will be hosting our 2011 Eagle Scout winner, Nicholas Blanchet and his parents at our anniversary meeting on June 14th. The state winners of the 2011 Eagle Scout Awards were: Kurt Robert Keller (Third Place - Valley Forge Chapter), Seth Michael Brynien (Second Place - Philadelphia Continental Chapter) and Jason Sniegowski (First Place - Northeast Chapter).

As of May 9th our Chapter attended 22 Eagle Scout Courts of Honor and sent certificates to 5 Eagle Scouts.

We have the following Courts of Honor scheduled:

- Brennan Steven Noecker (431) on May 20th at St. Peters Church, Sinking Spring
- Jay A. Hausman (456) on May 26th at St. John's Church, Sinking Spring
- Dustin Hunter Hoffman (104) on June 2nd at Kempton Fire Co.
- Connor B. Bunn (510) on June 3rd at American Legion, Topton.
- Nicholas R. Levine (456) on June 3rd at St. Johns Church, Sinking Spring.
- Michael William Ewart (161) on June 7th at Holy Guardian Angels.
- David Brickey (160) on June 9th.

- Korey W. Onulack (163) on June 24th at Zion LC Zions Church Road.

Flag Ceremony Roundtable: Members of Army National Guard will be training Scouts and Scout Leaders on proper flag etiquette.

Flag Committee Report: Robert M. Hillegas

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

Old Business:

F. Turner received an email from David G. Loose Sr. who has a medical condition preventing him from eating normal foods and wanted to know if he still has to pay for the meal at the quarterly meetings. Board agreed that he could make a donation to the Chapter.

E. Troutman mentioned that new Color Guard members at PCC get a \$250 uniform reimbursement with the understanding that the uniform will be returned to the Chapter.

F. Turner passed on some concerns over the attendance at the President's Day Lunch and what could be done to get greater participation.

N. Miller thanked everyone for support of the CAAH donation.

New Business:

W. Murray asked if anything needed to be ordered from the store.

The meeting was adjourned at 2044.