

Minutes of SAR Dallas # 2 Meeting

March 10, 2012

President Bob Northcraft called the Dallas # 2 SAR Chapter meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. at Presbyterian Village North.

Compatriot Glenn Toal led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag. FCP Tom Whitelock led the chapter in the Salute to the Texas Flag. Compatriot Jim Templin led the Salute to the SAR Flag. FCP Tracey Pounders led the chapter in singing a rousing version of My Country 'Tis of Thee.

Chaplain FCP Frank Pounders informed the chapter that Corrine Robertson, widow of recently deceased SAR Texas State President Jim Robertson, had passed away, and then gave the invocation.

FCP Charles Baker told a funny joke and gave the Color Guard report. The Color Guard will meet to appear at the Providence Christian School for its Colonial Day April 4, 2012, 8 a.m.

Chief Greeter FCP Ralph McDowell introduced the day's greeters Dan Nicewander and Jim Spell.

Guests were recognized including applicants Alan Peterson, George Ramphrey, and Jerry Pinkerton along with Compatriot Roald Gustafson, transferring from the Athens SAR chapter, where he has served as chapter president.

FCP Tracey Pounders gave a presentation on the Cincinnati Society and compared Rome and the United States. The chapter has four of its members in the Society.

The minutes of the February 2012 meeting, previously posted on the chapter website, were approved as posted.

Registrar John Guittard conducted an induction ceremony for newly admitted Compatriot David Eisenlohr.

Poster Committee Chairman John Morton introduced the chapter poster contest winner Sam Wigley and his parents and showed his poster on the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

2nd Vice-president Robert Kittrell conducted the chapter's annual ceremony presenting awards for outstanding service to members of the Dallas area police and fire and rescue departments, with awardees and family members attending. Police Deputy Chief Jeff Williams of the Southwest Patrol announced the selection of Officer Chris Wagner for his effective action in interdicting drug activities. His sergeant Bill Griffith was present for the award. Fire & Rescue Department official Clay Green announced that the paramedic commendation medal was awarded to Capt Jack Martin of the Downtown area for thirty years of exceptional service to the Department and the people of Dallas. Battalion Chief Ray Dell of North Central Dallas Lake

Highlands presented a special medal for heroism to Firefighter Michael Gibbs for extraordinary courage in rescuing and saving a man from death in a burning building.

Treasurer and FCP David Temple announced that 30 members and 23 guests were attending for a total of 53. He also reported balances of \$30,454.97 in the Ritchie Fund, \$8,406.80 in the Minuteman Fund, and \$3,551.22 in the chapter checking account.

President Northcraft raised the question of whether the chapter's April meeting should be rescheduled due to a conflict with the Medal of Honor Parade. After discussion it was decided that the meeting would not be rescheduled from its regular April 14 date.

President Northcraft announced that the Color Guard would appear for the Memorial Day Granbury Celebration and Parade and for the Duncanville Memorial Day event. He also informed the chapter that a boat and trailer had been donated to the chapter with some repairs and refurbishing needed. The boat will be stored at the property of our deceased Compatriot David Hall where the Liberty Bell is maintained. The Liberty Bell will participate in the Gainesville Parade.

FCP Ralph McDowell presented a cake to Compatriot Tex Whitaker for his 93rd birthday. The chapter sang Happy Birthday, Tex blew out his candle, and the chapter applauded.

President Northcraft observed that the proposed changes to the chapter bylaws had been published on the chapter website for a sufficient period of time for all to read. FCP Pounders moved that the changes be accepted as proposed. After a second, the chapter then voted to approve the changes to the chapter bylaws as proposed.

State President-Elect and FCP Bob Clark discussed the state meeting in San Antonio in two weeks and asked the members to consider the benefits of attending and seeing and hearing SAR national and state officers. He said he had installed chapter officers in Granbury and Houston. He will also be attending an SAR state meeting in Houston and will speak to this chapter in April.

FCP Tom Smith informed the chapter that Compatriot Art Ingalls was recovering and doing fine and sends his greetings to the chapter.

A discussion was held concerning local veterans memorials including the veterans memorial at the Dallas Convention Center and the veterans memorial wall at Fair Park.

President Northcraft informed the chapter that he had opened communications with the Coweta Falls Chapter in Columbus, GA.

Treasurer Temple held the door prize drawing. Chaplain Pounders gave the benediction.

President Northcraft led the SAR recessional and adjourned the meeting at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Guittard, Secretary