

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

GENERAL MEETING

February 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President David Beall at 11:35am. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Richard Adams. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Danny Cox. The SAR Pledge was led by John Ferris

The Founder of the month was Paul Revere. Word of the day is Industrious. Quote of the day was from Paul Revere. "There is a time for casting Silver and there is a time for casting cannon."

We recesses at 11:35am.

We reconvened at 12:12pm.

Introductions were made. Those in attendance included; David & Liz Beall, Gus Fischer, Phil Mitchell, Hammond Salley, Joseph Chernay(Guest), Mathew Gloria, Ethan & Thomas Noell, Larry Hansen, Thomas Laswel (Michigan SAR), John & Liz Ferris, Hugh & Karen Richards, John & Lacy Dodd, Mark, Brenda & Spencer Torres, Dan & Karen McKelvie, Richard Adams, Charles Beal, Jim Klingler, Clifford Hope, Patrick Cecil, Ted & Linda Carlson, Jim & Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Scott Trodick, Jim Blauer, Kent & Lisa Gregory, Don & Dianne Carlson, Karen Carlson, Danny & Tedi Cox, Leonard Chapman, Marcus Deemer & daughter Carol, Paull Fellman, Sam & Judy Faswell, Rob Richardson (speaker), and Cole Zehnder. 27 SARs & 22 Guests.

Hammond Salley Veteran's Affairs Chairman called Charles Beal forward and presented him with his SAR Veterans Corp Certificate. President David Beall then presented Charles with his supplemental Certificate on Nathaniel Locke.

President Beall then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. John Dodd moved they be accepted as written. This was seconded. There were no corrections and the motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Cole Zehnder reported we began January with a checking balance of \$10,667.15. We had revenues of \$4,729.00. We had expenditures of \$5,391.69. Our ending January balance was \$9,966.45. He also reported that we took in \$215 from the raffle today.

Mark Torres reported the Tustin Community Foundation that helps raise money for non-profits. They enlist sponsors to help by donating to non-profits. The 2017 Paper football challenge was held on January 28th. There was \$4,000 donated by sponsors and the first four places took home the larger sums given out. All teams received funds from this event. We received \$100. The next contest will be January 27, 2018.

Corresponding Secretary Ted Carlson has sent the officers report to state. We currently have 133 members. He is working on the transfer of Thomas Laswel of Michigan. That will put us at 134 in membership.

Registrar Kent Gregory reported we had 1 new application approved and 3 supplementals approved. We have 8 new applications at National and 4 supplementals.

Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdyck noted the 1) Massing of the Colors will take place on February 19th (Sunday) at Forest Lawn in the Hollywood Hills (Burbank). It will start at 3pm and asked that all Color Guard be there by 2pm. 2) Today and Sunday there is the American Revolution reenactment at the Central Park behind the Huntington Beach Library. We will have a booth. 3) April 7-8 will be the state meeting we are hosting as Jim Fosdyck will be installed as the new California Society President. The hotel rooms are \$118/night and parking is \$4.00 per day. There will be a Memorial Service headed by Lou Carlson.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Hammond Salley reported we have gone from 33 to 35 in the SAR Veteran's corps.

Gus Fisher reported that we have a winner in the JROTC Enhanced contest. Hannah Suh from Sonora High School. Her application has been sent on to state for judging on that level.

Dan McKelvie reported that Andy Farmer was the winner of this year's Essay Contest. His essay was "Prisoners of War in the American Revolution". His brother Kyle placed 2nd.

Hugh Richards though no longer chairman of the Poster Contest noted that his wife Karen is working with Wittmann Elementary to get entries into the contest. The Chairmanship for this contest is vacant. So, if someone would like to take it on contact President Beall. Entries from other schools is encouraged if members have a school they would like to see involved in this program they are encouraged to contact the school with all the information about this contest.

Gus Fischer introduced our speaker Rob Richardson who spoke to us on Railroad Depots. He gave a slide presentation showing the different Depots around the state and nation. Similarities were seen by those built by a given line. He has taken photos of some 2500 train depots around the country. President Beall presented Mr. Richardson with a Certificate of Appreciation for having spoken to our group this day.

AWARDS

John Ferris presented the Roger Sherman Bronze oak leaf cluster to John Dodd and Hugh Richards. The Oak Leaf Clusters are for continued service for those who have already been presented the medal.

For his work on the website Mark Torres was presented the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal.

Commander Jim Fosdyck presented John Dodd with the Silver Von Steuben Color Guard Medal.

Two supplemental Certificates were handed out. Leonard Chapman received his for his ancestor Benjamin Chapman. Scott Trodick received his supplemental certificate on Abraham Van Deusen.

NEW BUSINESS

President Beall announced we are trying to put together an anniversary celebration for the chapter's 50th anniversary. We are aiming for the second Saturday in August at Mile Square Park. We can get facilities for anywhere between 20 to 500 people. We will have to determine how many people we may have in attendance to figure out which area we will put in for. There are shelters at the park that run from \$75 to \$400 depending on the size. They have barbecues at each shelter. An attempt will be made to get our only surviving charter member Louis E. Hewitt to come to the event.

The Ben Franklin Raffle was conducted by John Dodd. Some of the winners this day were; Rob Richardson, Jim Blauer, Lacy Dodd, Jim Klingler, Phil Mitchell, Danny Cox, Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory, Liz Ferris, John Ferris, Richard Adams, Un Hui Yi Fosdyck, Gus Fischer, Mark Torres, Tedi Cox, Karen Carlson, Thomas Laswel and Spencer Torres.

As there was a group coming in after us, no Board Meeting was held.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Richard Adams.

The Recessional was led by Mark Torres.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted

March 11, 2017

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary