

Kentucky Society (KYSSAR)

Sons of the American Revolution

Saturday, July 17, 2010 Minutes

Erlanger, Kentucky (hosted by the Simon Kenton Chapter)

KYSSAR Summer Minutes

KYSSAR Meeting began ... 10:00AM (William Schrader III asked to serve as Parliamentarian, Jackie Dean Miller as Sergeant at Arms)

Call to order – President Jim Strohmeier

Invocation – Noble Roberts

Posting of the Colors – The Simon Kenton Chapter with Gov. Isaac Shelby (Terry Collis, Tom Geimeier, Harry Geimeier, Jeff Hampton, Ray Hughes, Josh McCain, George McCain, Jackie Dean Miller, John Clay Barnett, Joe Parrish, DAR /CAR members: Janice Geimeier, Jenny McClurg, Grace, Annie, & Elizabeth McClurg)

Pledge of Allegiance – Vice President Harry Geimeier

Pledge to the SAR – Rev. Forrest Chilton

Introduction of guests – NSSAR President General David Sympton and wife Evelyn; Paul Wilke, Vice President General of the Central District.

Approval of the 6 March 2010 minutes – Motion to accept by Del White with a second by David Cartmell. The minutes stood as read with no corrections.

Officer Reports

Report on the 120th National Congress - There was an extensive discussion on the youth programs by Delegation Chair, William Schrader III. Compatriot Schrader mentioned Ellen Moore's 3rd place finish at the Nat'l Congress.

Veterans' Affairs – Rev. Forrest Chilton mentioned the 1st place finish of the Kentucky Society on the USS Stark Award for service to veterans. The Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter accumulated over 120, 000 points with the Simon Kenton Chapter adding another 21,000. Forrest also discussed coming grave marking events in our area.

Youth Programs – John Clay Barnett commented on the success of our youth programs and contests for 2010. There was a lengthy discussion on the contests and the need for a middle school contest. Jackie Miller proposed a state wide poster contest and Paul Wilke stated the National was working on a Ti–fold Brochure Contest to be initiated in 2012. Del White highlighted the Eagle Scout Contest.

DAR Liaison –Charlie Scott commented on his recent contacts with the State DAR Officers and upcoming events. Charlie presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Anne Franklin and the Martha Washington Award to DAR President Withers.

Life Membership - Dick Bierman gave statistics on the Life Membership Program which has a current membership of 195. Dick mentioned the \$1000.00 previously approved and the need to amend the budget with a \$500.00 donation to the Veterans’ Affairs Committee and payment of the National Congress fees for the President and two Trustees. The motion made by Dick Bierman, with a second by Forrest Chilton. The motion passed.

Special IRS Report on form 990: 501,c, 3 status

Duncan Waggoner spoke at the request of President Jim Strohmeier, on our tax exempt status of the Kentucky Society Chapters. Duncan stated the forms must be filed every three years by each Chapter. Duncan also gave information on the historical and charitable functions; tax deductible contributions; and exemptions from Federal and some state taxes. (10:40-11:10)

Comments from the Central District VPG, Paul Wilke

Paul Wilke discussed coming events and the Central District Meeting in Cincinnati, on October 29-30. (Blue Ash, Crown Plaza Hotel)

Motion – Due to time restraints, Dick Bierman made a motion to hold reports to two minutes each. A second was made by Forrest Chilton. The motion passed with Dick Burnett serving as time keeper.

Lunch (12:00–12:50)

Special Presentation by the Simon Kenton Chapter

The Simon Kenton Chapter presented a certificate of appreciation, posthumously, to the Marge and Sandy Davidson, on the recent death of their husband and father, Raleigh Davidson. George McCain presented a framed family tree he researched and had lettered for his friend Raleigh.

Remaining Officer Reports

President Elect – Rev. Forrest Chilton gave a brief report on coming events.

Vice President's Report – Harry Geimeier mentioned the arranging of the KYSSAR summer meeting.

Secretary's Report – Tom Geimeier discussed the Society activity since March 6. (54 certificates and 44 new Compatriots) Deferred to Tom Higgins to discuss the latest reconciliation report (attached).

Video Presentation of the Year in Review – Charlie Scott had a 15 minute video on the activities of the KYSSAR Chapters in 2009-10. A very impressive video.

President's Report – Jim commented about finances and the mismanagement of funds by some Chapters in other State societies. Also, on the National Congress experience. NSSAR President General Sympton, Louisville Thruston & Cincinnati Chapter member, presented Jim the Allen Wilson Award. The award recognizes the Society with activities that best reflect the principles of the SAR based on size.

Chapter Reports

Reports were presented by the following Chapters: Simon Kenton, Lafayette, Louisville Thruston, Capt. William Arnold, and Gov. Isaac Shelby. Written reports were also received by: George Mason, and Lt. Robert Moseley.

President General's Remarks

PG David Sympton stated that Kentucky has the distinction of having five former President Generals of the NSSAR. The summer meeting was the President General's first event wearing the Pres. General's Medal. Evelyn Sympton will be serving as the President of the Ladies auxiliary for the second year. Comments included: Veterans' packages to Afghanistan; the raising of five million dollars; WWII Corps of Veterans; work being completed on the history of the SAR, even before 1890; change in Committee structure to avoid overlapping duties; the status of the new library and headquarters; the goal of \$250.00 each, by 20% of the Compatriots of each state Society, for the Center for America's Heritage.

Questions – Rev. Forrest Chilton asked PG Sympton about the status of the awards in storage. PG asked Forrest and other Compatriots with questions to E-Mail him their concerns.

Old Business –

New Business –

Motion to adjourn – Motion made by Noble Roberts with a second by Dick Burnett. Motion approved.

SAR Recessional – President General David Sympson

Retirement of Colors – Retired in place by Col. Daniel Boone Color Guard.

Benediction – Noble Roberts

Group photo - Compatriots at the summer meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Geimeier, Secretary, KYSSAR