



KENTUCKY SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
SATURDAY 8 August 2011 - James Harrod Conference Center, Harrodsburg, KY
Fall Meeting Minutes

11 A.M. Call to Order by Presiding Officer: Rev. Forrest Chilton called the meeting to order at 11 am

Posting of the Colors:

The colors were posted by Bob Bynum, Alex Probus, J.C. Barnett, Jeff Hampton, Harry Geimeier & Chuck Scott acting as the Kentucky Society Color Guard.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Michael Colegrove

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was lead by Roger Futrell

Pledge to the SAR: The SAR Pledge was led by Tom Higgins

Introduction of new members and guests: Guests included Virginia Alexander, DAR, Betsy Burch, DAR, Gwynn Parson, Evelyn Sympson & Nancy Skinner.

Declaration of Quorum - Secretary (10 members - 3 Chapters)

After roll call a quorum was declared. 37 were in attendance from 9 chapters.

Presentation of Agenda: Michael Colegrove made the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Steve Skinner, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes of 16 JUL 2011

Tom Higgins made the motion to approve the minutes of the 16 July 2011 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Strohmeier and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Bierman - Treasurer

The Treasurer's written report stated that as of 10/1/2011 there was \$15,005 in the bank in the form of checking, Business CD and Treasury CD. There was \$80,302 in the Life Member Trust Fund. Harry Geimeier made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Jim Strohmeier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

President's Report: Rev. Forrest Chilton - President

Forrest Chilton reported that the general condition of the Society is good with numerous activities and upcoming activities. He reminded the group that the Kentucky Society won the service to veterans award this year as well as the Simon Kenton and Governor Isaac Shelby in their respective chapter categories. With the potential of three new chapters before our annual meeting in March, our Society is growing when others are not. Chilton applauded active chapters and challenged others to become active.

Remaining Officers' Reports:

Harry Geimeier - President Elect:

President Elect Geimeier has prepared a slate of officers to be considered at this meeting. Geimeier reported that office of VP, Chancellor and Chaplain remain unfilled because of difficulty connecting with the prospective candidates. Nominations from the floor are required for our elections and he is hopeful they will be filled.

Tom Geimeier - Vice President Written report submitted

Del White - Secretary

Secretary White reported as of Oct 1, 827 (796 in July) active members in the Kentucky Society with 20 being primary in another state. He further reported 3 transfers in, 20 reinstatements, 5 REIN during Transfer in, 2 Junior and 66 new members so far this year. A project to correct bad addresses has been completed and synchronization between databases has occurred.

Jessie Hagan - Registrar: No report

Steve Collins - Chancellor: No report

Charles Scott - Historian: Newsletter Editor:

Charlie submitted a written report stating that there have been 7 newsletters so far this year. He has increased e-mail distribution of the newsletter to over 61% of our membership. He reported being pleased that more chapters are sending in photos. He stated, as historian, I keep have prepared a CD with over 400 photos of Kentucky chapter events. A copy of all editions are kept in a binder as a history.

Michael B. Colegrove - Chaplain: No report

Central District Report - No report

Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc):

Audit Committee - Chairman Tom Payne : The audit committee reported in July.

Awards Committee - Tom Geimeier : No report at this time

Budget Committee - Treasurer Bierman : Written report submitted

CAR Liaison - John Clay Barnett : JC Barnett reported that Scott Giltner, & Mark Johnson have agreed to be CAR liaisons since they have children in the CAR.

Color Guard - Dennis Scott: The KYSSAR color guard was represented at Kings Mountain this weekend and has been active since its inception appearing at numerous events.

DAR Liaison - Charles Scott: Has a good working relationship with the KSDAR. He sends our newsletter to about 50 DAR members mentioning our referral program. So far we have had 25 referrals. Tentative plans have been made to present awards for these referrals at the next KSDAR meeting.

Executive Committee - President Chilton: Reported that there was no reason to meet.

Life Member Trust Fund - Treasurer Bierman: Written report submitted

Membership Committee - Vice President Tom Geimeier : Thanks to secretary white for his efforts in helping new chapters make a smooth transition into the Society. He offered a special welcome to those representing the Colonel Stephen Trigg Chapter. With three new chapters we may qualify for national recognition stating, " Our organization is growing even when others are declining."

Nominating Committee - President Elect Harry Geimeier : The committee discussed the slate of officers in the board of governors meeting and will be brought up again later so his report is deferred until elections.

Patriot Grave Marking Committee - Rev. Forrest Chilton : The grave marking committee has three graves to mark this month and has marked 12 so far this year. They also participated in a cabin marking. The grave marking committee has been contacted by Breckenridge County with an opportunity to mark graves in Union Star.

Re-enactor Liaison - Dennis Scott : No report

Veterans Affairs - Rev. Forrest Donations have been made to VA hospitals in Louisville, Lexington and Cincinnati. Donations have been down this year because The Kentucky Society is ineligible for awards because they won last year. Our outreach still supplies hygiene items to 8 VA centers.

Web Site - Past President Higgins : Higgins logged modifications, changes and updates to the Kentucky web site and has added upcoming meeting agendas and minutes of past meetings to the site. He has added a patriot graves section to the site.

Youth Programs Committee - Chairman John Clay Barnett Chairman Barnett reported that program committee chairs are in place for the year. He commented on the Eagle Scout program stating that Lucien Rice, who is a past member of BSA at the national level, has agreed to be our Eagle Scout program chair. He mentioned that our organization has many members with varying backgrounds and extended an invitation to join the youth effort. He has spent time this year fine tuning the program and establishing better communications within the group. Past PG David Sympson rose to suggest that Kentucky Society members consider serving on the national level since Louisville is a reasonable drive for most. He said, "by serving on national committees you can give Kentucky a voice in the direction those committees."

Reverend Forrest Chilton gave the blessing and the meeting was suspended for lunch.

Re-convene 1 P.M.

The session was reconvened at 1:00 PM

Chapter Reports:

Charter presentation to Col Stephen Trigg Chapter: Reverend Chilton presented the charter to Ken Oakley of the Col Stephen Trigg Chapter. Members Steve Skinner, Roger Futrell, & Robert Skinner and Ms Virginia Alexander came forward for the presentation. Ken Oakley was installed president and members were presented with rosettes.

Big Sandy Chapter - Prestonsburg by Gary Howard, Secretary
Capt. Charles Duncan - Bowling Green **No oral or written report**
Capt. Charles Gatliff - Williamsburg Written and oral report by Dr Michael Colegrove
George Mason Chapter - Maysville **No oral or written report**
Gov. Isaac Shelby Chapter - Shelbyville written and oral report by President Forrest Chilton
Capt. James Campen Chapter - Paducah **No oral or written report**
James Early Chapter - Corbin Written report submitted
John Manire - Hopkinsville **No oral or written report**
Capt. John Metcalfe Chapter - Madisonville **No oral or written report**
Captain John Scott - Georgetown **No oral or written report**
Lafayette Chapter - Lexington Report by president John Burch
Louisville-Thruston Chapter - Louisville President George Meyers gave an oral report
Lt. Robert Moseley Chapter - Owensboro by President Tom Payne
Col Stephen Trigg Chapter - Cadiz President Ken Oakley gave an oral report
Simon Kenton Chapter - Harry Geimeier
Capt. William Arnold - Williamstown **No oral or written report**

Unfinished Business:

New chapter status:

B.J. Parson reported on the status of the Count Casimir Pulaski Chapter. He stated that there are enough applications pending to qualify for their charter and they are just waiting for approvals. It was reported that The John Howe Chapter is progressing and should have the minimum number of applications approved for charter by January.

National Trustee's report - Jim Strohmeier discussed an issue before the trustees to offer lifetime memberships to congressional medal of honor awardees if they have qualifying lineage. Past PG J David Sympson arose to comment on the issue. Strohmeier also reported stating that national awards are funded by endowments and some have run short recently and we should consider making contributions.

New Business:

Ratify BOG actions: Larry Leslie made the motion to ratify the actions at the previous BOG. Jim Strohmeier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Recommendations:

Harry Geimeier, President; Thomas E Geimeier, VP; Del White, Secretary; Dick Bierman, Treasurer; Jessie Hagan, Registrar; Charles E. Scott, Historian & Newsletter; Trustee Rev. Forrest Chilton; Alternate Trustee Jim Strohmeier & VPG Central Forrest Chilton.

Larry Leslie made the motion to accept the slate as presented. Tom Higgins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Call for nominations from the Floor: Each office was read and a call for nominations from the floor was made. Larry Leslie, nominated Gary Howard from the floor for the position of VP. Sam Hatcher seconded the motion and he was added to the slate as uncontested. Tom Higgins made the motion to add Michael Colegrove to the slate for Chaplain. Sam Hatcher seconded the motion and he was added as uncontested.

Maurice Worthington nominated Tom Payne as VPG Central District. Jim Strohmeier seconded the motion. Contested races are decided by secret ballot.

Larry Leslie made the motion to accept the uncontested portion of the slate as presented. Tom Higgins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Both Tom Payne and Forrest Chilton were afforded three minutes to address the group then a secret ballot was conducted. Past presidents Higgins and Strohmeier were nominated as election officers with Secretary White, by position, to certify the election. Forrest Chilton won the election by majority.

A motion to destroy the ballots was made by Larry Leslie, and seconded by Jim Strohmeier. The motion passed unanimously and the ballots were destroyed.

CAR motion from committee:

I hereby move that the KYSSAR support the Kentucky Society CAR project with a donation of \$250. The motion did not require a second since it came from Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Charles R. (Chuck) Scott made a motion to reimburse Charlie E. Scott up to \$250 for his actual expenses in developing and preparing a pictorial CD which is to be distributed to all chapters. Harry Geimeier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chuck Scott - Congress Committee made a report on the 2015 congress and requested volunteers. David Sympson arose to discuss the need for many volunteers to host a congress meeting. Sympson challenged the Kentucky Society to rise to the challenge to shine when hosting the National Congress in 2015.

The development of Middle School Contest Rules & Administration Guidelines was referred to committee.

Announcements: The date of the March 2012 meeting is scheduled for March 10 to be held at Receptions Banquet Center in Erlanger, KY.

Benediction:

Dr. Michael Colegrove gave the benediction.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Society, Tom Higgins made a motion to adjourn. Jim Strohmeier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SAR Recessional: "Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of free men."

Retirement of Colors
Benediction

Respectfully submitted by: Del White Secretary