

Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

Meeting Date: April 11, 2023

Meeting Location: The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizzeria located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of 39 individuals were present at the meeting, including 25 members and a combination of 14 guests/spouses, including Bill Goodman (speaker), Wheeler and Anne Bryan, Robert Hopkins, Mac Trotter, Jeff Sanders and Tom Leftis, Members present were Richard Anderson, Kevin Baker, John Bevins (Connie), Steven Colwell, Tony Crowe, Bill Floyd (Carrie), Ross Glover, John Galt (Peggy), Larry Guzy (Karin), Shep Hammack—In Uniform-- (Montez), Tom Hewett, Thomas Hughes, Sunny Lee, Richard McCrary, Ham McDonald, Warren McPhillips, Chuck Olson, Tom Owens, Tom Pye, Chuck Rann, Gene Ray, Dave Tharp, John Wassell (Beth), David Wellons (Jane), and Bob Sapp.

6:00-7:00 Social hour

Meeting called to order:

This meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was called to order by Chapter President David Wellons at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain Gene Ray

Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR was led by Sergeant at Arms, Hamilton McDonald

Guest Speaker: Vice President John Galt introduced our speaker, Bill Goodman.

Topic: Compatriot Bill Goodman of the Atlanta Chapter of SAR spoke on “*That Damned Presbyterian War*”. Bill informed us that this was an actual quote from King George III. Bill focused on the composition of the Patriot Forces (primarily Irish and Scots-Irish) and their motivations for serving and fighting in the American Revolution in his talk.

Speaker Appreciation: Chapter Vice President John Galt presented Bill with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Treasurer’s Report:

The Chapter Treasurer Bill Floyd reported a positive bank balance of \$6531.27 as of Mar 31, 2023. He also submitted a very detailed and accurate accounting of all credits and expenses for the month.

Registrar’s Report: Registrar Tom Hewett reported that he has one application in process, Wheeler Bryan....who was present with his wife Anne. Tom further advised that he has three applications that he is finalizing and will submit in the near term.

President's Comments: President David Wellons gave the following updates and reminders:

++ New member goal for 2023: While aggressive this goal appears attainable based on current applicants and the number of guests showing genuine interest in pursuing membership. Very encouraging!

++ Kevin Baker is actively working with a local C.A.R. as our liaison in an effort to become more involved in a supportive and sponsorship role. As this is also one of our goals this year, David expressed his appreciation to Kevin for his continuing efforts.

++ Flag certificate opportunities: This is an important goal for our chapter this year as it gives us significant recognition. One member has identified 25 opportunities. Its not hard to do so let's get going!

++Chapter By-Laws: The BOM has appointed a committee chaired by Chuck Rann to review and make recommendations for revisions as necessary. The recommendations (in the form of a "red-line" document) will be submitted to the Chapter for approval as soon as practical. As a reminder our current By-Laws are a "cut and paste" result from other chapter By-Laws. Some of these are simply not appropriate for our chapter today and out of date from a policy standpoint.

++ The annual banquet will be held at the Olde Towne Club in Marietta on Saturday Feb 3, 2024.

++ The July picnic will be held at Lost Corners in Sandy Springs on July 15.

++ We will again participate in the annual Fourth of July parade in Dunwoody. Please plan to attend and participate in the parade. Shep Hammack is accepting volunteers for helping with the float.

Chapter Announcements:

Birthdays- April birthdays: Rick Anderson, Warren McPhillips, Ben Tingle IV, William Scurry Jr.

Genealogy Workshop: Bill Floyd announced that Renee Hardin (DAR Chapter Regent) has invited anyone from SAR and DAR to attend a Genealogy Workshop on May 17 at 1:00 pm at the Georgia Archives. Renee can assist anyone with the necessary forms. See Bill for contact information.

Next Mt Vernon Regular Meeting: May 9, 2023, 7:00 PM, Vintage Pizzeria. Kevin Baker will be our speaker and his topic is the C.A.R. It will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about these chapters.

Next BOM Meeting: Friday, June 9, 2023 at 11:30 am for lunch (meeting at 12:00 noon), at Vintage Pizzeria. Any member is welcome to attend and observe.

Recessional: The Recessional was led by Sergeant at Arms Hamilton McDonald

Benediction: The benediction was given by Chaplin Gene Ray

Adjournment: The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by President David Wellons

Respectfully Submitted,
Warren McPhillips, Recording Secretary
April 12, 2023