

Minutes of the May 9, 2023 Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

Meeting Date: May 9, 2023

Meeting Location: The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizzeria located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of 41 individuals were present at the meeting, including 21 members and a combination of 20 guests/spouses, including Jerome Chapman, Robert Hopkins, Mac Trotter, Joy Fredrick, Emily Tindall, Will Tims, Nancy Tims, Kathy Marsh, Kelly Marsh, Aiden Marsh, Richard Whitner, Peggy Bruckner and Ben Fitzpatrick. Members present were Richard Anderson, Kevin Baker (speaker), John Bivins(Connie), Tom Chrisman, Tony Crowe, Ross Glover, John Galt (Peggy), Larry Guzy, Shep Hammack, Tom Hewett, Sunny Lee, Richard McCrary (Catherine), Ham McDonald (Judy), Warren McPhillips, Chuck Olson, Tom Pye, Chuck Rann (Patsy), Bob Sapp, Dave Tharp, John Wassell (Beth), and David Wellons (Jane).

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 Vice President John Galt.

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, Kevin Baker...Chapter C.A.R. Liaison.

Topic: "What is C.A.R.?" Kevin gave an update on numerous current activities of the C.A.R. but focused his comments on the importance of their membership and activities. While it is a significant commitment by young people...especially if they opt for state and national offices....it provides a discipline that is with these young citizens for life. Kevin correctly reminded us that S.A.R. and D.A.R. are aging societies that we must not allow to vanish. The C.A.R. provides the valuable stepping stone for people to transition from C.A.R. to the adult societies.

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

Kevin, then introduced his special guests who each addressed the group on their respective roles and activities:

Kathy Marsh.....Chapter Regent, Roswell King DAR

Joy Fredrick.....Georgia CAR President

Will Tims.....Georgia CAR Regional Vice President

President David Wellons presented a \$100 check from the Chapter's Fellows Fund to Joy Fredrick for their Guardian Angels Project. At the same time, Miss Fredrick presented President Wellons with a lapel pin they are selling to raise funds for this project. After the meeting several members purchased a pin from her.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report: The Chapter Treasurer, Bill Floyd was not in attendance therefore Tom Hewett gave the report. Tom reported a positive bank balance as of April 30, 2023. Bill submitted his detailed report to the B.O.M. prior to the meeting.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Tom Hewett reported that as of May 1 the Chapter had 65 members. There are two applications in process.....Wheeler Bryan and Bob Pile. One renewal application is also being put into the process.....Terry Morris. Eleven members have started the supplemental application process and are in various stages.

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

++ As reported last month a by-laws committee has been working on revising our seven year old by-laws that are out of date in several categories. Recommendations will be submitted to the BOM prior to the June 9 BOM meeting. After discussion and hopeful agreement the revisions will be submitted to the entire Chapter for approval.

++ Searching out Flag certificate opportunities is still a priority for 2023. Warren McPhillips received a certificate that he will present to an organization in Florida. Please continue to look left and right while driving down the road.....

++ Memorial Day is May 29th! Fly your Flag! "Roswell Remembers" will be held at Roswell City Hall on May 29th. This is an annual event and very entertaining and enjoyable. Everyone is welcome.

++ Our annual July picnic will be held at Lost Corners on July 15 at 5:30 pm. Tom Hughes will be sending out a formal invitation via email within the next few days. Cost will be \$22.50 pp. Everyone is asked to provide an indication of attendance or not asap in order for us to have an indication of headcount. Therefore please rsvp in a timely manner.

++ Speakers Bureau: Six (6) members in our chapter are now listed on the Bureau. The listing is on our Chapter website but also included on the State website. If any other members are interested in becoming listed please contact David. Our chapter has 6 of the 13 listings on the State website. Very impressive.

++ The "Traveling Trunk": Historically only a few members (ie Shep Hammack and Bill Floyd and a few others) have dressed in uniform and taken the Trunk to various elementary and middle schools. We want to increase this activity. David requested that members contact their local principals (and Shep added TEACHERS) and explain the objective and request an invitation.

Chapter Announcements:

Birthdays- May birthdays: Bill Brannen, Bill Fisher, Paul Keim, Tom Owens, Jim Styring and Edward Upchurch.

Next Mt Vernon Regular Meeting: June 13, 2023, 7:00 PM, Vintage Pizzeria. Bill Kabel will be our speaker and his topic will be “John Adams, Patriot and President”.

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 Vice President John Galt.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Warren McPhillips, Recording Secretary
May 10, 2023