Minutes of the April 2019 Mount Vernon Chapter SAR Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: April 9, 2019

Meeting Location: The meeting was held at Vintage Pizza located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA, with 13 members and 9 guests, plus 2 speakers for a total of 24 in attendance.

6:00-7:00 Social hour.

Meeting called to order:
The meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was called to order by Chapter President Bill Floyd at 6:59 PM.

Invocation:
The invocation was given by the Chapter Chaplain, John Galt

Presentation of Colors:
The colors were presented by the Mount Vernon Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR
The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and the Pledge to the SAR were led by Chaplain John Galt.

Recognition of Guests and Visitors:
President Bill Floyd introduced our special guests.

  - Tom Pye
  - Bill Scurry, who is transferring to our Chapter from the Atlanta SAR Chapter

He then introduced Eagle Scout Athanasios Grivakis, who gave his competition speech on the importance of the Continental Congress, Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution. The presentation and content were excellent and well received by the audience.

Guest Speaker

The Guest Speaker Leslie Strickland Watkins, member of DAR and of the Georgia State Society, Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary. Her topic was “SAR Women – More Than Just Camp Followers” and highlighted several key women who directly supported the Patriots as they fought the war. She had an excellent presentation and was well received by the audience. She also passed out registration forms for wives to join the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary for a one-time fee of $25.00 and provided a web-site: www.nlasar.org (then go to the link for the Georgia page). Vice President David Wiley presented Leslie with a certificate of appreciation.

Old Business:
  - Treasurer Ted Fricke reported on the current bank balance and noted there were no outstanding invoices to be paid.
- Secretary David Wellons reported that the Minutes of the March Meeting were posted on the Chapter website for review
- Membership Secretary Tom Chrisman reported that after adjusting for some members who did not renew, we currently have 89 members in the Chapter plus 10 dual members for a total of 97. We have 6 applications in process, meaning that we are approaching the 100-member mark.

**New Business:**
- President Bill Floyd discussed our Americanism Report and requested members provide him with any news where they may have participated and represented the Mt. Vernon Chapter in events. Bill also showed the Cobb County Proclamation designating April 19 as “Patriots Day”, which will be announced to the public on that date. Mt. Vernon Color Guard will be represented at that ceremony.

- Shep Hammack updated us on the Chapter golf shirts, which will be in Royal Blue. He will bring finished shirts to the next meeting and members can purchase for $35.00.

- George Washington Endowment Fund was introduced and discussed by Shep Hammack, who noted the $1,000 donation requirement if anyone is interested. Shep can provide further information to anyone interested in supporting this fund.

- President Bill Floyd announced that the next Chapter meeting will be May 14, 2019 at this same location. The bi-monthly Chapter Board of Managers Meeting will be held at this location on April 26, 2019 at 11:30am. All members are welcome to attend the BOM meeting.

**Recessional:**
The SAR recessional was led by Chaplain John Galt

**Benediction:**
The benediction was given by Chaplain John Galt

**Adjournment:**
The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at **8:00 PM** by President Bill Floyd.

Respectfully Submitted,
David L. Wellons, Chapter Secretary
April 10, 2019