



Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Society

Meeting Minutes

Saturday: April 16th 2016

Knights of Columbus Hall: North Post Road: Indianapolis: Indiana

- ❖ The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ The Invocation was offered by Vice-President Pfaff
- ❖ The Pledge to the National Colors was led by Vice-President Pfaff
- ❖ The Pledge to the SAR Flag was led by Secretary Peters
- ❖ Compatriot Kevin Waldroup was elected Parliamentarian
- ❖ The agenda was approved
- ❖ Secretary Peters took the Chapter Roll Call of 38 Compatriots. A quorum was present.
- ❖ The Oration contest was held prior to conducting Society business

Attendance

District	Chapter	Location	Compatriot	At Large
1	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend	Ernest Davis John Hundley III	
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Roger Barnhart Wendell Horn Jeffrey Jones	X
			David Peters William Sharp III	X X
			Duneland	Valparaiso
Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	X	
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	Kevin L. Waldroup	X
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin		
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	Wayne Eells Jeff Hornung Rodney Sherard Richard Steckley	X

		Steve Corbin Steven Carpenter Arthur Bowers	X	
	Continental	Muncie	David DeHaven Mark Kreps John Carmichael	X
	John Martin	Rockville	Clifford Blanchard James Hicks David Brattain David Clendenen	
	William H. Harrison	Lafayette	George Frantz	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Jim Arnold T. Rex Legler II Edward Hitchcock Douglas Wilson	X
	David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry Brown James Harvey	X
	John Hay	Salem	Mark Owens David Bell	
	Clifty Creek	Madison	Paul Konkle	
4	General Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	Stephen Johnson	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Robert Cunningham David Betzner	X X
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Robert Hall	

Introduction of Guests

- Mr. Robert Cunningham – Vice-President General, [Central District](#), SAR
 - Brings greetings from the 4,000+ members of the Central District
- Mrs. Donna Sharp – President, Ladies Auxiliary of the Indiana Society, SAR
 - Brings greetings from the members of the Ladies Auxiliary, which acts to support the Indiana SAR through fundraising, support of the Youth programs, as well as through their enthusiasm and presence
 - Ladies Auxiliary meets on a triannual schedule, in conjunction with Indiana SAR House of Delegates meetings
 - Currently has 62 active members
 - Membership is only \$5 annually
 - Dues can be paid to Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer Chris Cunningham, 3831 S Laura Way, Bloomington, IN, 47401-8827
- Mrs. Jeanie Hornung – Regent, Indiana Society, Daughters of the American Revolution
 - Brings greetings from the members of the Indiana DAR

Youth Contests

- Prior to Orations Contest, chairman Luke Jacobus recommends the book *I Am an American: What Every Citizen Should Know* (Edgar Guest, 1939), a book found when cleaning his grandparent's basement
- Rumbaugh Orations contest winner is Holden Doane, who will proceed to compete at the National level
- Knight Essay contest winner is Ian Zanger, reading 'The Other Great Threat to Independence', an examination of the smallpox epidemic's impact upon our nation's founding
- King Essay contest winner is Jacob McDaniel
- Poster contest winner is Josiah Smith
- T. Rex Legler II acknowledges the support for our sponsored competitors who go on to compete at the Annual National Congress, as well as the magnificent, additional support of our Ladies Auxiliary
- Color Guard Commander Richard Cunningham call Mark and Janet Kreps forward, to present them with a special award for their outstanding support of the Indiana Society Color Guard

Awards Ceremony - led by Vice-President Pfaff

President Wayne Eells spends a few minutes discussing the new National Society website to be used in the application process (still in beta phase)

Lunch

(Meeting resumes at 12:50 p.m.)

President Eells discusses the application process which will soon go 'live' at members.sar.org

Agenda Approved

ROLL CALL - QVORVM ATTAINED

Reports

- Treasurer Art Bowers – Winner's travel expenses budget byline noted; correction required
- Boys State Chairman Jim Arnold –
 - "Start thinking about a boy candidate for next year's entry"
 - Must be a high school **Junior** next year
- Registrar William Sharp – a corrected version of the application status report has been delivered to the new, incoming State Registrar
- Color Guard Commander Robert Cunningham –
 - One event at the National level within our state, which is at Vincennes
 - Goal is each Indiana Society chapter will present a wreath at the event

- If appearing as a reenactor, do not wear a polyester uniform! Uniforms must be wool, linen or cotton. This holds true for all such reenactment events.
- Color Guard members earns points for attending a National-level event

Vnfinished Business

- Secretary Peters – Minutes of previous House of Delegates meeting reviewed and approved
- Art Bowers –
 - should ROTC medals budget allotment be adjusted lines?
 - Program chairman’s compensation for expenses at issue
- T. Rex Legler – motions that ROTC medals budget line be set to \$1,268
 - David Betzner seconds motion
 - Discussion
 - George Frantz – “Is the ROTC program required by the National Society?”
 - Reply: No, it is optional
 - T. Rex – “Next to the Color Guard, the Youth programs are our most powerful interface with the public.”
 - Vote on motion – Increase budget line for ROTC medals
 - Motion carries unanimously
- Motion – accept/adopt revised budget
 - Motion seconded
 - No further discussion ensues
 - Motion to adopt revised budget carries

New Business

Nomination Committee

- Note from Wayne Eells – Richard Smurdon is at Mount Vernon (Virginia) being sworn in as a State representative for the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)
- Robert Pfaff steps in to preside during nomination process (approved unanimously)
- Names of those Compatriots nominated for offices for the coming term are read by Robert Pfaff, presiding
- David Betzner moves that all nominees be approved as listed
- Motion seconded
- All nominees unanimously elected to office

Booth at National Genealogy Convention in Indianapolis

- William Sharp – motions for SAR presence at the Indianapolis Marriot East on July 15-16; the Indiana Society could be at an available booth
- Fee is \$800; we do have \$300 in the budget allotted for membership recruiting activities
- Roger Barnhart – we should have three people manning the booth because the ample foot traffic
- T. Rex – we should have handouts available; we should amend motion to include \$100 for handout expenses
- George Frantz – Could we share space and expense with the Indiana DAR for a booth?

- Roger Barnhart – It is possible to request a backdrop from the National Society for a booth presentation
- President Eells – All in favor of allotting \$150 to reserve a booth?
- Motion carries

Other New Business

- Roger Barnhart – the DAR is attempting to get 10,000 letters to military personnel to set a Guinness World Record to such correspondence
 - Send such a letter to Martha Barnhart *unsealed* (so that it may be verified)
 - One letter per household
- Mark Kreps – SAR helped with the Indiana Bicentennial back in December
 - First Lady Pence was impressed by our appearance
- The Duneland Chapter (Valparaiso area) will be announcing an upcoming event soon

Ladies Return (2:20 p.m.)

Memorial Ceremony

Ladies Auxiliary

- New officers announced
 - President – April Legler
 - Treasurer – Chris Cunningham
- Donna Sharp presents \$500 to the Indiana Society SAR, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary; these funds go to support our youth programs

Swearing-in of New Officers

Richard Cunningham, Central District Director

For the Good of the Society

- Future Indiana Society Meetings
 - July 30 2016 – Summer House of Delegates meeting, Terre Haute

- Future Central District Events
 - July 30, Fort Laurens, Bolivar, Ohio
 - August 20, Blue Licks, Blue Licks, Kentucky
 - October 7-9, Battle Days, Point Pleasant, Ohio
 - November 4-5, Central District Meeting, Holiday Inn, Cincinnati Airport, Cincinnati, Ohio

- Future National Society Meetings
 - September 30th & October 1 – National Society Fall Leadership Conference, Louisville, Kentucky

Motion to adjourn –

- Motion seconded

SAR Recessional

- Led by Vice-President Robert Pfaff

Retiring of the Colors

Benediction

- Offered by Vice President Robert Pfaff

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.