



SIGNERS CHAPTER NEVADA SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – February 2, 2019

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Signers Chapter of the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NVSSAR) was held on **February 2, 2019**, at Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Henderson NV 89052. The meeting was called to order by President Charles B. Smith V at 9:02 AM.

Attendance: Our February meeting was attended by 20 people - 13 members and 7 special guests.

Blessing: Compatriot Larry Kesler provided us with an inspirational invocation and asked for a blessing on the meal we were about to share.

Pledge: President Smith led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the SAR pledge.

President Smith took this opportunity to mention recent losses. Juanita Cooper, wife of recent member Carl Cooper, recently passed away. President Smith and VP Jeff Gutting were able to attend the services. We also note that Patricia Westmoreland, wife of a former chapter member now living in Texas, has passed away.

Introduction of Guests: Secretary Robert Till introduced our special guests at this meeting. The guests were Denise Selleck, Jan Thompson, Rodger Baker, Ken Bracht, Luiz Marzullo, Elizabeth Carter, and Alexx Green.

Awards:

Pres. Smith presented membership certificates – a 10-year certificate to Compatriot Jack Carter and a 5-year certificate to Compatriot Tommy Thompson.

Compatriot Donald L. Hotchkiss, Jr, as outgoing chapter president, took this opportunity to present the Lydia Darragh Medal and Certificate to Denise Selleck for her significant service to him during his term as President. The medal is given to recognize the assistance of ladies who work behind the scenes supporting SAR programs.

Induction of New Members. No new members were inducted at this meeting.

Minutes Approval:

1. The minutes of the December meeting, as prepared by Secretary Till, had been distributed to the membership via the Internet.
2. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Compatriot Ben Allen and seconded by Compatriot Larry Kesler.
3. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Officer Reports:

President, Registrar: President Smith reported that as Registrar he has submitted one new membership application (for Michael Bradley). (See Attachment 1.) He also noted plans to follow a format at regular meetings that would include a Heritage Moment or a Speaker (but not both). VP Gutting will be in charge of scheduling these presentations.

Vice President: VP Gutting had nothing additional at this time.

Secretary: Compatriot Till reported that he has had no recent communications.

Treasurer: Compatriot Al Conant reported that he has received over \$1,000 in dues this month and that our 2018 books are being reviewed by the auditor. He also gave the Treasurer's Report, indicating that the chapter currently has \$5,109.67 in the operating budget, \$4,355.30 in the scholarship fund, and \$13,369.02 in the scholarship savings account. (See Attachment 2.) The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Compatriot Larry Kesler and seconded by Compatriot Ben Allen. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports: In the interest of time, President Smith summarized activity within these committees unless the committee chairs had something new or unique to be reported.

Birthday Chair: Three member birthdays were noted for this month.

Awards Chair and Civic Awards Chair: Pres. Hotchkiss is in the process of turning over this task to Compatriot Jim Farmer.

Color Guard Commander: We do not yet have anyone interested in this position.

Master Calendar Chair: Secretary Till referred to the upcoming events listed on the agenda and asked Compatriot Hotchkiss to elaborate on the State Conference and the Old Nuc Test Site Tour (which he has been coordinating).

JROTC Awards Chair: Compatriot Hotchkiss has transferred this task to VP Gutting. In the spring, members will be asked again to help deliver these awards to the schools in their area.

GW Birthday Dinner Chair: VP Gutting is handling details. The reservation form has been sent out to members. Col. Tom Czech, Retired USMC, will be the guest speaker.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements for Good of the Order: The tri-corner was passed around for contributions to the Hat Fund (used to provide scholarships).

Program Speaker: Pres. Smith introduced Jack Carter, member of our chapter and son of President Jimmy Carter. Compatriot Carter then gave a presentation on ancestors and patriots in the Carter family along with colorful stories of life down in Georgia.

Adjournment: The SAR closing was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 AM by President Smith.

The next meeting of the Signers Chapter will be at 9:00 am on March 2, 2019, at Giuseppe's Italian Grille.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Till

Secretary, Signers Chapter

Attachment 1

Attachment 2