



SIGNERS CHAPTER NEVADA SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – January 4, 2020

Call to Order: The every-other-month meeting of the Signers Chapter of the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NVSSAR) was held on **January 4, 2020**, at O’Aces Grille, 4955 S. Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89118. The meeting was called to order by President Charles B. Smith V, at 9:05 AM.

Attendance: Our November meeting was attended by 28 people - 16 members, 2 candidates, and 10 special guests.

Blessing: Compatriot Dr. Joe DeBeauchamp 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.

Introduction of Guests: Secretary Robert Till introduced our special guests at this meeting. The guests were Jan Thompson, Elaine Kesler, Pat Maycumber, Tim Lord, Kevin Lord, Andi Jones, Randy Boggs, Anita Wood, Tim Hagan, and Virginia Requa.

Induction of New Members. President Smith carried out the induction for the two candidates approved to become new members: Paul Bell and Douglas Wood. Both were sponsored by Pres. Smith. Each received the rosette pin and certificate of membership and then spoke briefly about his patriot ancestor. Compatriot Bell spoke about his patriot Jean Louis Gervais who had loaned money to the Continental Army in its time of need. And, Compatriot Wood spoke about his patriot James Franklin who served in the Virginia Regiment and settled in Middle Tennessee.

Awards:

President Smith presented the Chapter’s Meritorious Service Medal and certificate to Compatriot Robert Till for his service as chapter secretary this past year. Pres. Smith presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot Jim Farmer for his work on preparation of awards that the chapter presents throughout the year. In addition, he presented a certificate acknowledging 10 years of SAR membership to Compatriot Joe DeBeauchamp.

Minutes Approval:

1. The minutes of the November 2019 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 Al Conant and seconded by Compatriot Larry Kesler.
3. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Officer Reports:

President, Registrar: Pres. Charles Smith reported that the chapter had had a great year and is doing well. In his role as Registrar, he reported that he will start working with VP Michael Gravitt (as co-registrars at the

chapter level). He will continue to operate as the State Registrar and approve all packages from the Battle Born Patriot and Signers Chapters prior to submission to SAR National. (See Attachment 1.)

Vice President: Compatriot Michael Gravitt was not present.

Secretary: Secretary Till had nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer: Compatriot Al Conant gave the Treasurer's Report, indicating that the chapter currently has \$7,016.74, in the operating budget, \$3,876.30 in the scholarship fund, and \$13,377.12 in the scholarship savings account. (See Attachment 2.)

The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Compatriot Jim Farmer and seconded by Compatriot Larry Kesler. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports: In the interest of time, Pres. Smith did not ask for committee reports.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: Pres. Smith reminded the group of his recent email announcement of the upcoming SAR state conference in Reno April 3-5. He spoke highly of the program and encouraged all to attend.

Announcements for Good of the Order:

With regard to the Hat Fund Challenge, Compatriot Charles Musser is offering to put up \$100 toward our scholarship fund if anyone will match his offer.

Speaker Program:

Today's speaker was again Kevin Lord, who presented last November and continued today on the experiences of his father's WWII service as an airman on a B24 bomber, as a POW in Germany after being shot down, and as a retired person with opportunities to reconnect with people and places from that wartime experience. The multimedia presentation generated a lot of interest.

Master Calendar

Secretary Till and Pres. Smith reviewed the various events listed on our calendar, including the Feb 12 Compatriots' Muster at the Marzullo home and the Feb 22 George Washington Day Dinner.

Adjournment: The SAR closing was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM by Pres. Smith.

The next breakfast meeting of the Signers Chapter will be at 9:00 am on Mar 7, 2020, at O'Aces Grill located at 4955 S. Decatur Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89118 (just south of Tropicana Ave.).

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Till

Secretary, Signers Chapter