



SIGNERS CHAPTER NEVADA SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – March 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 **March 2, 2019**, at Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Henderson NV 89052. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jeff Gutting at 9:16 AM.

Attendance: Our March meeting was attended by 23 people - 15 members and 8 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: Vice President Jeff Gutting 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 Em Becker, Jan Thompson, Linda Mesinar, Ken Tracht, Luiz Marzullo, Val Greenbeck, Rick Foulon, and John Crist.

Awards:

Vice President Gutting presented a certificate and Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Rick Foulon. This award is intended as a way to recognize individuals who have made noteworthy community achievements. Compatriot David Smith and Rick Foulon himself described some of the activities that Mr. Foulon has been involved with, including help with the Wounded Warrior Project and Patriot Guard Riders, assistance with funeral escorts, and other services at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

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

Minutes Approval:

1. The minutes of the February 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 Larry Kesler and seconded by Compatriot Don Hotchkiss.
3. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Officer Reports:

President, Registrar: President Charles Smith was out of town for this meeting in order to attend SAR leadership meetings in Louisville. He submitted a monthly registrar report. (See Attachment 1.)

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 gave the Treasurer's Report, indicating that the chapter currently has \$5,251.90 in the operating budget, \$4,580.30 in the scholarship fund, and \$13,370.45 in the scholarship savings account. (See Attachment 2.) The motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Compatriot Don Hotchkiss and seconded by Compatriot Larry Kesler. The motion was unanimously approved.

Compatriot Ben Allen had been asked to review the 2018 financial records for our chapter and for the Harney Scholarship Fund. In his review, submitted to our executive board, he reported that these records were accurate and in excellent order. Furthermore, he commended chapter treasurer, Al Conant, for his excellent work and record-keeping.

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

Birthday Chair: VP Gutting reported that Compatriot Joe DeBeauchamp, who could not be present today, has been regularly sending out birthday greetings to members. Two members, present today, were recognized as having March birthdays – Compatriots Tommy Thompson and Ben Allen.

State Conference Chair: Compatriot Hotchkiss reminded everyone of the state conference in Tonopah scheduled for April 12-14. There will be several interesting tours as well as the business meetings. Don has application forms for anyone needing them.

Awards Chair and Civic Awards Chair: Compatriot Jim Farmer thanked Compatriot Hotchkiss for his herculean efforts in catching up on awards and organizing information so as to allow a smooth transition for Jim into the role as awards chair.

Flag Certificate Chair: Compatriot Kesler reported that he has two certificates ready to deliver and that there will be more.

Master Calendar Chair: Secretary Till referred to the upcoming events listed on the agenda and asked that anyone with additional information, about events of interest to our members, please contact him.

Hat Fund Chair: The hat was passed around and members were encouraged to donate to our scholarship fund.

JROTC Awards Chair: VP Gutting passed around a map showing the locations of JROTC/ROTC schools. He asked for volunteers who might live near a school and are able to deliver certificates.

GW Birthday Dinner Chair: VP Gutting reported that the GW Birthday Dinner last Saturday was a success and that the group enjoyed the presentation by Col. Tom Czech, Retired USMC.

Color Guard Commander: We do not yet have anyone interested in this position. However, former commander Gary Parriott reported to the group that he now has a resource book on color guard activities that may be of interest. He also mentioned that next weekend the Nevada State Society of DAR will be having its state-level meetings here in Las Vegas (in collaboration with the Daughters of 1812 and the Colonial Dames). He and Compatriot Kesler will attend in uniform for presentation of the Colors for the Colonial Dames annual meeting which will be held on Friday morning of March 8th. The USD1812 meeting will be held that Saturday evening. NSSDAR meetings and Formal Banquet will take place on Saturday. All meetings and banquets will be at the upscale Aliante Casino Hotel in North Las Vegas.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Compatriot Hotchkiss reminded members of the bus tour on June 27, from 7 am to 5 pm. It will involve a visit to the Old Nuclear Test Site. Forms are available for those interested.

Compatriot Ben Allen asked whether any Harney scholarships would be awarded this year. Former president Hotchkiss and Treasurer Conant indicated that three would be given.

Compatriot Francis Huntley asked about our chapter's involvement in enhanced JROTC and he indicated his interest in assisting with this. (The JROTC Enhanced Program permits outstanding cadets to compete with cadets outside their JROTC Unit.) VP Gutting replied that our chapter has not been involved in this but would consider it for next year.

Announcements for Good of the Order: Compatriot Fred Boughton informed the group that he had come upon several copies of the US Constitution in booklet form and would like to offer them to new members or any other members who might be interested. They were distributed.

Program Speaker: VP Gutting introduced Dr. Daniel Orr, a member of our chapter and speaker for today's meeting. In doing so, he reviewed many of the accomplishments noted in Dr. Orr's biographical sketch which had been attached to the meeting agenda.

Dr. Orr then have a fun and interesting presentation on medical and dental practices during the Revolutionary War and included subsequent developments (such as anesthetics), dentists' creation of pilots' masks, etc.

Adjournment: The SAR closing was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM by VP Gutting.

The next meeting of the Signers Chapter will be at 9:00 am on April 6, 2019, at Giuseppe's Italian Grille.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Till

Secretary, Signers Chapter