



SIGNERS CHAPTER NEVADA SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES – December 5, 2020

Call to Order: An online video-conference meeting of the Signers Chapter of the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NVSSAR) was held on **December 5, 2020**, using the Zoom app. The meeting was called to order by the chapter president, Charles B. Smith V, at 9:01 AM.

Attendance: Online participants at the meeting included 14 people, all SAR members.

Blessing: Pres. Smith provided inspirational thoughts and asked for a blessing on the meeting.

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

Introduction of Members and Guests: Pres. Smith introduced himself and asked all members to do the same. He provided an introduction for those members who did not have an adequate audio connection.

Minutes Approval:

1. The minutes of the October 2020 meeting, as prepared by Secretary Till, had been distributed to the membership via the Internet.
2. A motion was made by Compatriot Don Hotchkiss, and seconded by Compatriot Al Conant, to approve the minutes.
3. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Induction of New Members. There were no new members to be inducted at this time.

Awards: No awards were presented at this meeting.

Officer Reports:

President, Co-Registrar: Pres. Charles Smith reminded the group of the recent passing of Compatriot Len Becker who had contributed much to the chapter through the years.

He also summarized from his report which had been distributed to members ahead of this meeting. Since March, he has attended, in-person or online, several national, district, state, and local meetings. At some, he represented us as chapter president. At others, he served as a National Trustee or as Western District Secretary.

Pres. Smith also reported that, since our last meeting in October, we have had one supplemental application approved and are awaiting approval of others. He and VP Michael Gravitt have also worked with 6 individuals interested in possible membership in SAR.

Vice-President, Co-Registrar: VP Gravitt reported that he continues to do maintenance on the PRS (Patriot Research System) on an ongoing basis, i.e., adding lineages and patriots for all new member and supplemental applications.

Secretary: Secretary Robert Till reported on efforts to help Treasurer Conant by making phone calls to some of the members who have not yet paid the annual dues.

Treasurer: Compatriot Al Conant reported that 66 wreaths have been purchased (for the Wreaths Across America program). All friends and relatives (of chapter members), who are buried at the Veterans Cemetery, are covered. Annual dues collection is the major focus just now. At the state level, there are 41 SAR members who have not yet paid.

Compatriot Conant reported that the current balance in the operating budget is \$10,082.82. The balance in the scholarship fund is \$4,794.63 and the balance in the scholarship savings account is currently \$13,379.56. Compatriot R J Koser moved approval of the treasurer's report and it was seconded. The vote was taken and the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Compatriot Don Hotchkiss spoke as chair of the Nomination Committee. He reported that several members have agreed to take on appointed positions. Compatriot Joe DeBeauchamp will continue as chaplain. Compatriot Larry Kesler will continue to chair the Flag Award committee. Compatriot Antonio Reyes will continue to handle the chapter website and Facebook pages. Compatriot Patrick Wright will chair the Awards Committee and has begun to work with Compatriot Jim Farmer on that. A new Veterans Committee chair will be appointed by the new chapter president. Compatriot David Bentley will take over the JROTC awards committee from Compatriot Hotchkiss. And, Compatriot Doug Wood, who has been working with Pres. Smith, will take on the role of chapter registrar.

With regard to the elected positions, Compatriot Hotchkiss reported that Compatriot Conant is willing to be nominated for another term as chapter treasurer. There is no nomination for chapter secretary so far, but that may change by January. It is also possible that the secretary position could fold back into the treasurer position as was the case three years ago. Compatriot Tim Hagan is willing to be nominated for chapter president and Compatriot Paul Bell for chapter vice-president.

Pres. Smith thanked the nominating committee, and all those members willing to take on positions in our chapter.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business: No new business was brought up. Pres. Smith took a moment to invite Sean Bibby (joining the meeting after introductions) to introduce himself.

Announcements for Good of the Order: There were no announcements.

Master Calendar:

Pres. Smith reminded the group that our next chapter meeting would also be via Zoom on January 2, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment: The SAR closing was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 AM by Pres. Smith.

The next meeting of the Signers Chapter will be at 9:00 am on Jan 2, 2021, and be conducted as an online (Zoom) meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Till

Secretary, Signers Chapter