

Minutes of the Board of Managers Meeting – Norfolk Chapter SAR

Gus and George's, Virginia Beach, VA

February 11, 2020 6:30 PM

Board Members present: President Gary Pridgen, Past President Kenneth Hawkins, Chancellor Carter Furr, Secretary Tim Ahlgrim, Treasurer Mike O'Shea, Registrar Jim Yohe, Chaplain Wayne Boone and Historian Bob Bruce. Also present was Compatriot Richard L. Walker.

President Pridgen called the meeting to order and made brief opening remarks as the Board got down to business.

UPCOMING CEREMONIES, PROGRAMS AND AWARDS:

Brief discussion on wreath presenters and ceremonies, at the Nimmo Church at James Plantation and the Crossing of the Dan ceremonies.

The guest speaker at the March membership meeting will be Madeline Herring, the State CAR coordinator, and a small gift and certificate will be presented to her. The Eagle Scout essay will also be presented.

There was a general discussion regarding the inventory of certificates and medals now in our possession as well as the present cost of the certificates and the presentation folders. Ken Hawkins will forward an inventory of everything to the chapter president.

President Pridgen indicated that he was interested in the chapter working with the local elementary schools to cover American history with speakers, brochures, and posters.

GRAVE MARKINGS

The Grave marking program was discussed, and Ken Hawkins reported that there were still graves or markers at Trinity Episcopal Church, that we were done with Cedar Grove although there may be more there but that more research would need to be done. Other cemeteries in Norfolk and Portsmouth are being researched. Funding was discussed as a primary factor in the program.

130th THE NATIONAL CONGRESS:

Discussion and chapter-wide participant is encouraged.

PRIOR MINUTES

Chapter Secretary Tim Ahlgrim presented the minutes of the October 22, 2019 BOM meeting. Motion was made to approve them, motion carried and approved without modifications.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Mike O'Shea presented the Tentative Financial Report to the Board. A copy which is attached to the minutes. There was discussion regarding fund and dues from both current members and new members, the collection, and amounts. Alternate sources of revenue and participation of the chapter membership was discussed.

CHAPTER SCRAPBOOK

The book was presented in February for judging in Richmond but no score sheet was returned with it. President Pridgen will see if it can be located.

PARTICIPATION BY CHAPTER MEMBERS

There was general discussion on encouraging greater participation and interest in the various functions and activities that the Chapter is involved in. Discussed was hockey games instead of the annual Norfolk Tides game, renting a van to transport more members to out-of-town ceremonies. Also discussed was moving the quarterly dinner meeting to other restaurants in the Tidewater area, making it more accessible to the chapter members to encourage more participation. Also discussed was a number of members who had not sent in their annual dues or who had dropped out altogether.

A **motion** was made and seconded that the Board members each identify a restaurant in the area that could host a dinner meeting and present it at the March meeting.

A **motion** was made to assemble a list of members who have not paid their dues yet and parcel them out to volunteers from the Board to make individual contact with them to encourage them to stay in the chapter and SAR. Motion was seconded and approved.

The Secretary asked for the list of members who have not paid their dues to present at the March meeting those names to ask for help in contacting them and encouraging them to continue in the chapter.

At this time President Pridgen adjourned the meeting

Respectfully Submitted for your Approval.

Tim Ahlgrim, Secretary