

LOUISVILLE-THRUSTON BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 9, 2014
The DeMolay Commandery Building

Board members present: **Pres. Elect Sonny Smith, 1st V. Pres. Drake Rinesmith, 3rd V. Pres. Donald Thom, Treasurer Joe Shields, Sec./Hist. Jon E. Huffman & Past Pres. John H. Huffman.**

1st V. Pres. Drake Rinesmith called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Sonny Smith led the opening prayer; Donald Thom led the Pledge of Allegiance and John H. Huffman the SAR Pledge.

Jon E. Huffman read the minutes from the May 10th BOG Meeting. Sonny moved that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President: Absent (Meeting was chaired by 1st Vice-Pres.)

The upcoming joint SAR/DAR Constitution Day Luncheon Meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2014 at Big Spring C. C., and the host will be Corn Island Chapter, DAR. There are no menu decisions to make, but it was generally agreed that the \$30.00 per person cost was too high, over which we have no control. It was decided that due to the high cost of the meal we shouldn't try and subsidize what we charge our own members and stick with the \$30.00 cost number. There followed a brief discussion about the need to look at more casual meeting venues in the future to try and hold down luncheon costs. Drake recommended we have a sign-up roster at the next chapter meeting in order to identify those members willing to volunteer and help at the upcoming 2015 National Congress to be held at the Galt House in June. Also, an appeal for volunteers should appear in the newsletter starting with the January 2015 issue. Since Doug was absent, it was decided to defer any discussion of the 2015 Youth Contests until the next BOG since he has all of the contact information from the past years.

Pres. Elect: No Report.

1st Vice-Pres.: No Report

2nd Vice-Pres.: Absent

3rd Vice-Pres.: No Report

Treasurer: For July, the chapter had \$1,986.40 in the regular budget. We took a \$287.00 hit on our last luncheon due to the cost of honoring veterans and their guests. The tickets for the Bats game cost \$280.00. We sold all but seven tickets for \$238.00, leaving us \$42.00 in the hole. The color guard budget still has \$158.09. The total in our bank account as of July 31st was \$1,856.72. A question was asked about the storage unit for color guard equipment. The total cost for 13 months rent, including insurance and portable shelving units was \$1,627.11. Sonny recommended that we cancel the \$900.00 expenditure for the band at the upcoming Christmas dinner/dance and instead try and locate a pianist to play for the event. Everyone agreed. Sonny moved we accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Secretary/Historian: No Report

Chaplain: Sympathy cards were sent to the families of two members who recently passed away. They were Charles Arthur Curry and Jennings Edward Watkins.

Registrar: Absent

Chancellor: Absent

Past President: No Report

Unfinished Business: Don corrected a mistake in the version of the Pledge of Allegiance printed in our meeting programs. There should be no comma between the words "one nation" and "under God." That phrase, added in 1954, should read, "one nation under God" then the comma before the next word, "indivisible." The correction will be made.

New Business: A nominating committee comprised of Doug, Drake and Jon E. H. was formed in order to develop a list of potential officer candidates for the coming year. Drake will then make the initial contact. Sonny has agreed to stay on as Chaplain but does not want to move up as Chapter President. Jon E. H. will stay on as Historian but does not want to continue as Secretary.

The next BOG will be Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Demolay Commandery Bldg. in order to prepare for the Washington's Birthday Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted, Jon E. Huffman, Secretary.