

The Louisville Thruston Chapter, KYSSAR
Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting
January 6, 2018 @ 10:a.m.
St. Andrew United Church of Christ

Members present: President Jim Jackson, 2nd V.P. Mike Phelps, Secretary Jon Huffman, Treasurer J. B. Hitt, Registrar Chris Johnson, Web Master Howard Roberson, Past President Drake Rinesmith, and Color Guard Cmdr. Doug Collins

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer offered by Jim.

Pledge of Allegiance.

SAR Pledge.

Approval of Minutes of April 30th BOG: Postponed until later.

Officer reports:

President: Everyone agreed that the Christmas Dinner was an overall success. A surprising 68 people attended, more than we've had in many years. The food was very good, the staff at Big Spring C. C. was easy to work with and the Lincoln impersonators did a very good job and were very informative. The first order of business today was to finalize the program for the Washington's Birthday Luncheon Meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 17th at Owl Creek C. C. After much discussion, it was decided to ask the Owl Creek staff if they could provide a luncheon buffet for the all-inclusive price of \$25 per person. The buffet should include the two meat entrees, Chicken Marsala & Grilled Salmon, along with two sides, a house salad and a dessert. Chris agreed to speak with club management and work out the details. Mike then discussed the featured speaker, who is Father Patrick Dolan, a retired Brigadier General in the National Guard. His topic concerns the reintegration of soldiers back into society after they return from combat deployment. Looking ahead, the speaker for the Annual Meeting on April 14th will be Eddie Price, and his topic will be the Cane Ridge Revival. Eddie is a member of the Kentucky Humanities Council, and they will charge us \$175 for his talk. Candy Atkinson will be asked to speak at the Flag Day Meeting on June 16th. She is in charge of the State Land Office in Frankfort where all of the early land grants are filed. A suggestion was made to open the meeting to include DAR members and members of the Louisville Genealogical Society.

1st Vice-President: Absent.

2nd Vice-President: Mike stated we have an Eagle Scout Essay winner. Chandler Mathis is the winner of the SAR Eagle Scout Medal, patch and \$200 cash award and will be invited along with his parents to attend the meeting and present his talk. In addition, Brian Weigel of the Lincoln Heritage Council invited the chapter to set up a table at the upcoming Lincoln Heritage Training Event at Male High School on January 27th. The event is for scout leaders and scouts, and Mike plans to wear his color guard uniform and be there to tell people about the SAR and the Eagle Scout Essay contest. Doug C. stated that we have two Knight Essay Contest entries, and both

essays will be sent on to Will Schrader for judging. The winner and his parents will be invited to the Washington's Birthday meeting, where he will be asked to read his winning essay.

3rd Vice-President: Absent

Treasurer: J. B. presented the Treasurer's Report which showed a starting balance of \$4,407 and an ending balance of \$3,718. The color guard portion of the current balance was \$384.

Secretary: Letters will go out to 23 new members inviting them to be our guests at the upcoming Washington's Birthday meeting and to receive their lapel rosette. They can bring a guest (wife) also at no cost. This new procedure will be installed as a one-time deal for all new members in the future to hopefully encourage them to attend additional meetings. Also, letters signed by Jim will go out to 36 current members who have not paid their 2018 membership dues encouraging them to pay up.

Historian/Webmaster: After some discussion, it was agreed that the Webmaster position should be an elected, not an appointed position. Howard will devise wording for the Constitution and By-Laws, adding the new position of Webmaster and outlining the duties. Plans are to notify the chapter membership 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting when the proposed changes will be presented for approval.

Registrar: Chris spoke about the problem many prospective members were having in understanding the application process. All applications now have to be done through the SAR National website using a user name and password. That can be confusing for older persons who are not tech savvy.

Chaplain: Absent

Chancellor: Absent.

Immediate Past President: None.

Color Guard Commander: Doug C. discussed the idea of purchasing battle streamers for the First Virginia Flag – one streamer for each of the ten engagements participated in by the regiment. Chris agreed to check on possibly making our own rather than purchasing them.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Howard suggested that future meetings be conducted using Robert's Rules in order to stay more focused and conserve time.

Announcements: The next BOG meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 24th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew United Church of Christ.

SAR Recessional.

Minutes hereby submitted by Jon E. Huffman, Secretary.