

LOUISVILLE-THRUSTON BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 18, 2014
The DeMolay Commandery Building

Board members present: Pres. Doug Collins, 1st V. Pres. Drake Rinesmith, 2nd V. Pres. Jim Jackson, Sec. & Hist. Jon E. Huffman, Treas. Joe Shields, & Color Guard Cmdr. Dan Klinck.

President Doug Collins called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

The opening prayer was offered by Joe Shields; Drake led the Pledge of Allegiance and Doug led the SAR Pledge.

J. E. Huffman read the minutes from the Nov. 9, 2013 BOG meeting. Jim Jackson moved that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President: The upcoming Washington's Birthday Luncheon will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd at Owl Creek C. C. The menu will be buffet style and will include two meat entrees – Herb Roasted Chicken & Beef Pot Roast, served with green beans and roasted potatoes with cherry cobbler for dessert. Drake moved that the menu be approved, motion passed. A discussion followed on what price to charge members. The actual charge to the chapter per meal is \$17.50, but we will be paying for 11 guests which include the Youth Contest winners, their parents, plus the featured speaker. Joe moved that we charge members \$20.00 a head; Drake seconded. Motion carried. The guest speaker is Dr. Gary Gregg, Director of the Mitch McConnell Center at U. of L., and Doug will ask Sonny Smith to introduce Dr. Gregg. Don Thom, an Eagle Scout himself for 70 years, has agreed to introduce the Eagle Scout winner. Will Schrader will introduce the Knight Essay winner and Drake will handle the JROTC introduction. At the last BOG an increase in the chapter's annual dues was discussed, which would require approval by the general membership at the Annual Meeting. Doug pointed out that we currently pay \$12.00 for chapter dues, \$18.00 to the State and \$30.00 for National. If we decide to recommend raising dues, we shouldn't go above a \$3.00 increase, which would set annual dues at \$15.00 and give us an additional \$750.00 annually. After some discussion, Drake moved that we defer the decision to raise dues for another year. The motion was seconded by J. E. Huffman. Motion carried. There has been no word from the I.R.S. on our application for tax exemption. Finally, National Congress is only 17 months away, and the call will go out soon for help from volunteers.

Pres. Elect: Absent

1st Vice-Pres.: No Report

2nd Vice-Pres.: No Report.

Treasurer: Joe presented the Treasurer's Report, which showed that so far this year the chapter has spent \$4,331.51, and overall we are \$700.00 in the red. Since the chapter will not have a Poster Contest this year, Doug recommended that we reallocate that \$100.00 in the budget to the JROTC Essay Contest. Likewise, since we are not having an Oration Contest, we should move that \$200.00 into the Free Meals category. Jim made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Secretary/Historian: No report.

Chaplain: Absent

Registrar: Absent

Chancellor: Absent

Past President: Absent.

A presentation on the chapter's newest flag purchase was made by Color Guard Cmdr. Dan Klinck. We now have a custom-sewn copy of the First Virginia Regiment flag to use at events. The color guard's uniforms are also modeled after those worn by the First Virginia Regiment, Continental Line.

Unfinished Business: The process of contacting members to identify Korean War veterans has just begun and will be ongoing in the coming weeks.

New Business: Chancellor Todd Kitchen is to be contacted to ascertain his interest in continuing his role in that position. Secondly, there is a need for the chapter to be more pro-active in helping prospective members with their family history. Therefore the creation of a genealogy committee should be considered.

Announcements: The next BOG Meeting will take place Saturday, Feb. 22nd directly after the Washington's Birthday Meeting at Owl Creek C. C.

Drake led members in the SAR recessional after which the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Submitted by Jon E. Huffman, Secretary