

The Louisville Thruston Chapter, KYSSAR
Board of Governors Meeting at Bon Air Branch, LFPL
Saturday, March 5, 2016

Members present: President Drake Rinesmith, Past President Doug Collins, 3rd Vice-President Don Thom, Secretary Jon E. Huffman, Registrar Chris Johnson, and Historian Randy Lane.

Meeting called to order: 10 a.m. by Drake

Opening prayer: led by Drake.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Doug Collins

SAR Pledge: led by Chris Johnson

Reading of Minutes: from Jan. 16th BOG by J.E. Huffman. Doug moved that the Minutes be approved, motion carried; Doug also suggested that in future written copies of the Minutes be distributed to the Board for approval ahead of time in lieu of reading aloud at each meeting. Motion was made and approved.

Officer's Reports:

President: The upcoming Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Audubon Country Club, and the first item of business is to decide on the menu and what to charge members. After some discussion of options and costs, everyone agreed on the Audubon Grilled Buffet, which featured burgers, chicken and bratwurst (substituting chicken in place of hot dogs) and various side dishes. The cost per person would be \$16.95 plus 20% gratuity = \$20.34. In addition, eight guests were expected to attend, and the chapter would have to cover their meal costs. Doug moved that we select the Grilled Buffet as previously discussed and that we charge members a flat \$20.00 cost per person. Don Thom seconded the motion and the motion carried. It was also pointed out that the featured speaker would be paid \$100.00 for his services. The question was raised again about being charged room fees at some venues, particularly places like the Pendennis Club & Louisville Boat Club. We have several members who belonged to these organizations and who can sponsor us, so we should not have to pay a room fee. Drake agreed to check with the Pendennis Club before the upcoming Constitution Day Meeting. As far as the first responder awards, both the Louisville Fire Dept. and Louisville Police have been contacted, and we are waiting to hear from them. Doug recommended that we continue to include EMS as one of our awards, and he agreed to follow up by contacting that organization.

1st Vice-President: Absent

2nd Vice-President: Absent

3rd Vice-President: The Eagle Scout Court of Honor has been discontinued. The Boy Scout Council has grown from 19 counties to 64 counties, and as a result many eagle scouts live too far away to travel into Louisville and return home on the same day. They will start holding the Court of Honor on a District basis instead of council-wide. There are about 15 Districts that make up the Council; Louisville has 5 Districts. Secondly, the Council publishes a weekly

electronic newsletter, and we need to follow up with our Eagle Scout essay contest winner by submitting an article to their newsletter.

Treasurer: Drake is handling this position until the chapter can find a new treasurer. The balance as of 12/31/2016 was \$822.89. Expenses were \$1,575.28, which included postage, youth awards, Centurion Medals & our Washington Birthday luncheon at Owl Creek C.C. Deposits were \$4,136.00. This includes meals & annual dues. A transfer of \$500.00 was made from a CD as a safety net. The ending balance is \$3,883.61. Doug moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Secretary: Now that Dan Klinck has resigned as Color Guard Commander, we need to think of some way to honor him in the near future. He was commander for 20 years and was really the driving force behind the organization. Doug suggested a Lifetime Achievement Award or perhaps a Dan Klinck "bobble head." To be continued.

Registrar: Chris discussed working with several people who have contacted him asking for help with applications, so the word is obviously out that he is the new chapter registrar. People contacted include a Mr. Pollitt, who's already a member but wants to apply for his son and grandson. Also a Mr. Schrader.

Historian: No report.

Chaplain: Absent

Chancellor: Absent

Past President: No report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Since treasurer Joe Shields passed away, Drake has had no success in finding someone to fill that position. At his request, Will Schrader sent a list of 6 or 7 names, and he has contacted three so far, but they are not interested. Please let Drake know if you can recommend someone who may be interested. Secondly, to make the color guard commander a full voting member of the BOG will require a change of both the Constitution and By-Laws, and that requires approval from members at the Annual Meeting. All members need to be notified at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting that a vote is forthcoming. Next, Drake proposed that we consider raising chapter dues \$3.00 annually. The chapter has not seen an increase in dues for at least 30 years, and a \$3.00 increase would add over \$700.00 to our annual budget (not counting life members). After considerable discussion, Doug moved that we raise the annual dues \$3.00 annually, from \$12.00 to \$15.00. Motion seconded by JEH, motion approved. Finally, Drake wants to ask for volunteers to serve on the Membership Committee, the Events Committee and perhaps even a Genealogy Committee, if Chris should need the help. These committees would be chaired by members of the BOG, but comprised of regular members and could greatly help us in selecting future meeting venues, speakers, and encouraging new members to get more actively involved.

Announcements: The next BOG is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th at the Bon Air Branch, LFPL.
SAR Recessional.

Minutes hereby submitted by Jon E. Huffman, Secretary.