

LOUISVILLE-THRUSTON BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING – November 1, 2015
Bon Air Branch, LFPL

Minutes

Board members present: Pres. **Drake Rinesmith**, 1st V.P **Jim Jackson**, 2nd V.P. **Doug Bozell**, 3rd V. P. **Don Thom**, Sec. **Jon E. Huffman**, Treasurer **Joe Shields** and Past Pres. **Doug Collins**.

Drake called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The opening prayer was offered by Jim Jackson; Drake led the Pledge of Allegiance and Doug Collins led the SAR Pledge.

J. E. Huffman read the minutes from the August 8th BOG meeting, Drake moved that minutes be approved, the motion was seconded and approved.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President: The first subject on the agenda was the upcoming Christmas Dinner scheduled for Friday, Dec. 4th at the Pendennis Club. After considerable discussion, a choice of two entrees was agreed upon; either (1) slow roasted prime rib or (2) stuffed salmon; each served with seasonal vegetables. A small house salad was included in the entrée price, but dessert was not. The Board opted to include ice cream and/or sherbet as the dessert. Considering the menu price and the 20% gratuity charge, the decision was made to charge members \$37.50 for the meal. Doug Collins then moved that we accept the proposed choice of entrees and charge \$37.50 per person. The motion was seconded and carried. The next item on the agenda was the vacancy on the Board for the position of registrar, created when Jesse Hagan stepped down as chapter and state registrar at the end of April. John H. Huffman, who had volunteered to temporarily fill that spot had to withdraw because of health issues. Jon E. Huffman stated that the chapter has added just 12 new members for the year, only 2 since Jesse resigned in April. Normally we average around 24 new members a year, so there is a real need to become more proactive in meeting with and seeking out new applicants. Drake recommended we publish an appeal in the upcoming November newsletter. Another suggestion was that we form a Membership Committee to help support the registrar, and that committee could meet independently as often as it deemed necessary. Drake then raised the issue of honoring the chapter's Vietnam veterans. Doug suggested the Flag Day Meeting is the best venue for doing that and recommended we ask fellow compatriot Bob Silverthorn to be the speaker. Bob is a retired Major General in the Army and served in Vietnam. The final item for discussion was the dates & venues for future meetings. Washington's B'Day meeting is already set for Feb. 20th at Owl Creek. The dates for the BOG meetings are March 5, April 30, August 6th & November 5th. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 16th, Flag Day for June 11th & Constitution Day for September 17th. The exact venue for the Annual Meeting has yet to be decided. Drake recommended Paroquet Springs Conference Center in Shepherdsville as the site for the Flag Day Meeting on June 11th. Drake also agreed to check with the DAR Regents and make sure that it's Louisville Thruston's turn to host the joint SAR/DAR Constitution Day Luncheon in September.

1st Vice-Pres.: No Report.

2nd Vice Pres.: No Report.

3rd Vice Pres.: No Report

Treasurer: Joe presented the Treasurer's Report for the end of September, which showed a balance of \$1743.57 in the regular account & \$151.52 in the color guard account for a total of \$1895.09. We also have four CD's at L&N Credit Union totaling \$16, 308. 12. Even though the color guard budget is segregated out on paper, it is all from the one bank account. Any contributions to the color guard for appearing at events are sent from the C.G. commander to Joe for deposit, and it will appear on the C.G. portion of the budget. It was stated that the C.G. still owes approx. \$400.00 for the 1st Virginia Flag purchased in 2013 about \$676.00. Also there is the on-going \$1500.00 rental fee for the storage unit.

Secretary: No report.

Historian: Absent.

Chaplain: Absent.

Registrar: (Absent)

Chancellor: No Report.

Past President: Doug recommended that the chapter reconsider supporting the Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition, which the Board had previously decided to scrap because of budget constraints. The cost would be \$200.00, and if need be, Doug would donate those funds personally. The Board unanimously agreed to add the program back to our budget. Don Thom stressed that we need to make a real effort to get more exposure at the next Eagle Scout Court of Honor which is scheduled for February 2016.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: The next BOG Meeting will take place Saturday, January 16, 2016. Board members will be notified ahead of time by email.

Drake led the SAR recessional, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Submitted by Jon E. Huffman, Secretary