

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR**  
**October 16, 2021**  
**Outback Steakhouse**  
**2725 S. University Dr., Davie, FL**

**Attendance:**

**Members:** Thomas Shepherd, President; Chuck Adams, Vice President and Local Registrar/Genealogist; Joe Motes, Treasurer/Historian; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplin; John Lohmeyer; Allen Manning; John Sauerwald; Mark Snider; **Guests:** Steven DePaul; and Herb Gardner.

**Call to Order:** Thomas Shepherd gaveled the meeting to order at about 12:01 p.m. **Introductions:** The members and participants introduced themselves.

**Opening Ceremonies:** Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Invocation**. Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**. **Approval of Minutes:** Thomas Shepherd asked for approval of the previous meeting's minutes. **Motion:** by Chuck Adams and seconded by Mark Snider to approve the meeting minutes of 9/18/2021. Unanimously approved.

**Officer's and Committee Reports:**

- **President:** Tom Shepherd stated that William Weeks, Miami Chapter SAR President contacted him on the need to have a winter regional meeting to include our chapter and the Palm Beach Chapter. Like was done in 2019, he proposed doing it on January 15, 2022, at our meeting time and place. The Miami Chapter plans to cancel their January 2022 regular meeting to accommodate the required regional meeting. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Fort Lauderdale Chapter would participate as stated but may reserve the right to continue after adjournment of the regional meeting with our own meeting.
- **Vice President and Local Registrar/Genealogist:** Chuck Adams said his report is similar to last months. Three new applications were submitted to national in September for Steven DePaul, Herb Gardner & Jim Harn. He expects NSSAR approval by November. Another prospect (Trent Prock) may complete his application before the end of this year. No new referrals were received from FLSSAR over the last month.
- **Treasurer/Historian and Program Committee Chairman:** Joe Motes reported the chapter's bank account has a current balance of \$4,487.07. The balance is high because of the receipt of annual dues which include allocations payable to FLSSAR/NSSAR to be expensed in a few months. The Chapter's certificate of deposit balance is \$19,729. He said that the CAR (Children of the American Revolution) meets monthly and that he will present our next biannual contribution of \$350 to them at an upcoming meeting. He stated that the Wreath Across America event that our Chapter annually participates in is observed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of December (the 18<sup>th</sup> for 2021) which is why we do not typically meet for lunch in December.
- **Secretary:** Chuck Adams said he is filling in for Peter Stevenson who is welcoming in a new grandchild.

**Old Business/New Business/Announcements:**

- 1) Tom Shepherd stated that the Executive Committee meet via Zoom on September 28, 2021. Nominations for next year's 2022 officers: Chuck Adams, President and Local Registrar/Genealogist; Pete Stevenson, Secretary/Chancellor; Joe Motes, Treasurer/Historian; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplin. The slate will be presented at the November meeting and after taking additional nominations from the membership present, if any, the election will be held and the new officers inducted at the November 20, 2021 meeting.
- 2) Thomas Shepherd discussed the desirability for a Chapter website so people interested in joining may make direct contact to us rather than being filtered down through FLSSAR & NSSAR. Joe Motes pointed out that our chapter is already searchable on the web and both members and prospects can find contact information as well as content on our Facebook page. He will send the links to all members who can "like" the Facebook page or go to the separate site where Chapter Newsletters, minutes and key documents are stored.
- 3) The next meeting will be November 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Outback Steakhouse.

**Closing Ceremonies:** Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Benediction** and Thomas Shepherd led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

**Adjournment:** Thomas Shepherd adjourned the meeting at about 1:21 p.m.