

Meeting Minutes
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
April 16, 2022
Outback Steakhouse
2725 S. University Dr., Davie, FL

Attendance:

Members: Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Joe Motes, Treasurer, Historian/Editor & Sergeant-at-Arms; Jim Lohmeyer, Chaplin; Steven DePaul; Tom Shepherd; Mark Snider; **Guests:** Colleen Langton; and Mary Margaret Langton.

Call to Order: **Chuck Adams** gaveled the meeting to order at 12 p.m. **Introductions:** He welcomed everyone to the Easter and Passover weekend lunch meeting. The members and participants introduced themselves.

Opening Ceremonies: Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Invocation**. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**.

Approval of Minutes: Chuck Adams asked for approval of the previous meeting's minutes. Motion by Steven De Paul and seconded by Mark Snider to approve the meeting minutes of March 19, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Other Officer's and Committee Reports:

- **Registrar/Genealogist:** Chuck Adams stated that as reported last month, our newest approved member is Seth MacCutcheon. Since he is in military service, stationed in Hawaii, a Zoom induction meeting is being scheduled. Chuck recognized prospective member Rick Kidder being in attendance and stated his approval and induction should occur by June 2022. The application for Jeffrey Watts and his two sons should be ready as soon as the signed application from one of the sons is received. He stated that Bret Emler could not attend today but hopes to have his remaining documentation in by May 2022. As for supplementals, Mark Snider recently received approval of his first, while the first submission by Martin Hollick is under review at NSSAR.
- **Secretary/Parliamentarian:** In the absence of Pete Stevenson, Chuck Adams summarized the Executive Committee meeting of March 28, 2022, stating that at that meeting he and Joe Motes were designated the Chapter Officers authorized to open up new accounts at Wells Fargo Bank. This was necessary to open a new savings account at the bank where \$20,250.02 of Trust Estate funds will be transferred from checking into the savings account. Chuck Adams stated that at the April 3, 2022, executive committee meeting that his report and analysis of the 1991 Trust Agreement and the current status of funds was discussed. Actions taken included: 1) election of three new trustees, namely, Chuck Adams (3-year term), Pete Stevenson (2-year term), and Steve De Paul (1-year Term); 2) approval that future donations by members and friends to the Chapter will be received as an unrestricted contribution to assist Chapter operations and not as a restricted contribution to the Trust Estate; 3) approval that the \$4,169.02 in current Trust undistributed income be recognized as Chapter unappropriated income; 4) and approval that Chuck Adams would act as the designated entity manager for opening up a U.S. Treasury Direct account for the Chapter and that he would purchase 5-year I-Bonds in various denomination up to \$3,000 from the Chapters savings account. The Trustees of the Trust Estate will focus over the next month in investing the remaining \$16,081.00 of Trust Estate funds.
- **Treasurer & Historian/Editor:** Joe Motes stated that the current checking account balance was \$1,892.63 with the status of savings and Trust funds as previously reported. He will present a check for \$350 to the CAR Swamp Fox Society on April 24, 2022. Joe Motes then reported that he and Steve De Paul presented certificates and awards to Navy JROTC cadets on April 13, 2022. He also presented certificates and awards to Army JROTC cadets on April 14, 2022. Steve De Paul commented on how well Joe represents the Chapter at these events.

- **President:** Chuck Adams summarized the March 31, 2022, FLSSAR-Chapter Presidents Zoom call with Bernard Wolfe. It was made clear that the ideas and proposals to change the bylaws were the “vision,” and could not be actually finalized and proposed until next year due to the timeline for vetting and processing proposed changes imposed by current bylaws. The primary focus of this Zoom meeting was for Bernard Wolfe and his team of 2 – 3 to make their case that changes are needed and that those that want to make that happen need a second term. There was some visible or stated reluctance by some on the idea that the nominating committee’s recommendation would not be fully accepted vs approving alternatives (including Wolfe) based on nominations from the floor. Those present that appeared neutral to the idea asked for a list of proposed candidates to be nominated from the floor so they could take that to their next chapter meeting. The next Zoom meeting is scheduled for 4/21/22 and I am hopeful that that list will be made available. It was made clear by Wolfe that it is not their proposal to substitute everyone on the nominating committee list with an alternative. Scott Breckinridge, FLSSAR Secretary was named as an example. The 2022 FLSSAR BOM and Annual Meetings will be held at Orlando on May 13-14, 2022.
- **Program Review and Expansion Committee.** Chuck Adams reported that this committee is chaired by Pete Stevenson with active participation from Steve De Paul and some input provided by Herb Gardner. He will defer that report until the May meeting so that Pete Stevenson can give it. However, he will discuss the time sensitive recommendations concerning the May and July meetings. Both meetings will encourage spouse participation. Efforts are being made to schedule outside speakers and/or video presentations. Mark Snider discussed a possible speaker he has come across as well as a resource where American Revolution themed videos can be streamed. Chuck Adams said that he would poll members to see if there was supported to possibly change the July meeting location to possibly the Coral Ridge Country Club or the Sawgrass Mill Season’s 52.

Presentation on Children of the American Revolution Activities. Colleen Langton introduced herself as the current President of the Swamp Fox C.A.R. She listed fourteen notable 2021-2022 activities and achievements of the Society. Many of the activities included donations to numerous children’s and veteran organizations, and joint charitable projects with the Lighthouse Point DAR chapter as well as participation at the Wreaths Across America event. She thanked our Chapter for its continuing financial support and the mentoring provided by Joe Motes. Mary Margaret Colleen offered additional remarks and stated that current Society membership is 18 – 20 and that there is no age limit to join.

Presentation of Service Awards and Certificates. Chuck Adams presented Mark Snider his SAR certificate for his first supplement recognizing his lineage to patriot George Line. He encouraged members to prepare a biography on approved patriots and submit them to the Patriot Research Committee for NSSAR publication.

Old Business/New Business. Chuck Adams stated the April Newsletter was sent by Joe Motes earlier in the week and he resent it yesterday. He pointed out that this month’s issue featured the Member Profile for Steve De Paul and the March issue featured Peter Stevenson. The goal is to published a profile each month focused first on the regular luncheon meeting attendees. He had sent the template out a week or so ago asking for replies and has already received and finalized the submission from Rick Kidder which will appear in the June issue corresponding with his induction. He asked all in attendance to get their profiles with a photo submitted. For new business, Chuck announced that he had appointed Steve De Paul as a chapter delegate to the 2022 BOM and Annual Meeting.

Closing Ceremonies: Jim Lohmeyer gave the **Benediction**, and Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

Adjournment: Chuck Adams adjourned the meeting at about 1:20 p.m.

**Meeting
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11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 16, 2022
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2725 So. University Drive
Davie, FL 33328**

Call to Order and Introductions

Opening Ceremonies:

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- SAR Pledge

Approval of Minutes: 03/19/2022

Officer's and Committee Reports

Presentation of Service Awards and Certificates

Presentation – Children of the American Revolution

Old Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 05/21/2022)

- Update on Member Profiles
- Appointment of Steve De Paul as BOM Additional Delegate (Chapter Size)

Closing Ceremonies

- Benediction
- SAR Recessional

Adjournment

PLEDGE OF THE SAR

We descendants of the Heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.

RECESSIONAL OF THE SAR

Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.