



Sons of the American Revolution Fort Lauderdale Chapter

organized December 8, 1966



General Membership Meeting Minutes

11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Outback Steakhouse

2725 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328

Attendance:

Members (24): Chuck Adams, President & Registrar/Genealogist; Steve De Paul, Vice President & Sergeant-at-Arms; Mark Snider^{ca}, Secretary; Joe Motes, Treasurer & Editor; Kevin Shurte^{ca}, Acting Historian; Tim McLane^{ca}, Chaplain; Jim Clark; Paul DeBold; Cliff Dickinson; Ted Duay; Ronald Goodale; Martin Hollick; Jim Lohmeyer; Dave Lohmeyer; Jesse Lohmeyer; Jordan Lohmeyer; John Lohmeyer; John Lohmeyer Jr; Tommy Lohmeyer; Scott Moore; Barry Moss; John Sauerwald; Tom Shepherd; and Michael Spear. **Prospective Members / Guests (10):** Peter DeWick, Prospect; Lincoln Pero, Prospect; Ronna Adams; Janice Dickinson; Kailey Gullickson; Marianne Haas; Chrissie Lohmeyer; Melissa Lohmeyer; baby Maxi Lohmeyer; and Lynne Moore. The subscript ^{ca} records compatriots attending in colonial attire.

Call to Order and Introductions: Chuck Adams called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies: The **Invocation** was given by Tim McLane. He conveyed Chapter condolences on the passing of Compatriot Earl Higginbotham and Paul De Paul, father of Compatriot Steve De Paul. He expressed well wishes and a speedy recovery from recent surgery to Compatriot Tom Carpenter Jr. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** and the **SAR Pledge**.

Approval of Minutes: A **Motion** was made by Mark Snider and seconded by Steve De Paul to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Officer's, Committee's and 250th Anniversary Recognition Reports:

President & Registrar/Genealogist - Chuck Adams.

Genealogy & Membership. Chuck Adams recognized the presence of our recently approved newest members and their wives, Scott (Lynne) Moore and Cliff (Janice) Dickinson. Our newest applicant, Peter DeWick is present as well as prospect, Lincoln Pero. Not present are prospects Jim McHugh and Gary Van Sciver. Chuck stated that previously submitted supplemental applications still under review include Martin Hollick, Kevin Shurte, and his ninth. He said that year to date our membership has increased from 59 to a net of 72, including the recent reinstatement of Ronald Goodale.

FLSSAR BOM May 19-20, 2023. Chuck Adams reported on the May 2023 Board of Management (BOM) meeting which he along with Steve De Paul and Kevin Shurte attended. He stated that the Chapter Color Guard was considered officially formed on May 19, 2023, and that Kevin is the first from our Chapter to have participated in the BOM Color Guard presentation of colors at the two evening banquets. He announced that the Chapter won second place for mid-sized chapters in the 2022 Chapter Challenge which was presented to us at the May 2023 BOM. At that meeting he learned that all members participating in youth programs and the color guard are expected to take the online NSSAR Youth Protection Training Course.

250 Anniversary Recognition Program. Chuck Adams explained the purpose of the program and outlined how the Chapter will recognize a historical event in every forthcoming Newsletter and Chapter meeting. He stated that he and Kevin Shurte will co-chair the 250th Anniversary Recognition Committee and that each month a significant revolutionary war era event occurring between 1764 and 1783 will be featured and summarized. He briefly discussed the Battle of Bunker Hill fought on June 17, 1775, as the Chapter's first 250th Anniversary Recognition Event.

Upcoming Events. Chuck stated that he along with Steve De Paul and Kevin Shurte will represent the Chapter at the July 15 – 20, 2023, 133rd National Congress. He said that Mark Snider will also attend to help with registration for the first couple of days.

Newsletter & Member Profile. The June 2023 Newsletter has been circulated and posted. It includes the Member Profiles of Scott Moore and Cliff Dickinson who are being inducted today.

Secretary – Mark Snider.

Executive Committee. Mark Snider reported that the Executive Committee met on June 14, 2023, with all members present except Steve De Paul who had an unavoidable conflict. After the acceptance of the resignation of Joe Motes from the position of Historian, Chuck Adams introduced a **Motion**, made by Pete Stevenson and seconded by Tom Shepherd, appointing Kevin Shurte to serve as Chapter Historian during the 2023 unexpired term of Joe Motes, subject to the final approval of the general membership at its scheduled meeting of June 17, 2023. Unanimously approved. The Executive Committee also approved making a \$250 donation to Honor Flights South Florida in memory of M. Earl Higginbotham, and it approved the most currently updated Amended Budget as of May 31, 2023.

Veterans Support and U.S. Stark Memorial Award Committee Report. Mark Snider reported that the approvals were received appointing him as Representative and Chuck as Deputy Representative to the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (CDCE/VAVS) Committee. He stated that that we currently have 1,660 points documented for the U.S. Stark Memorial Award which includes the donations to the Nininger Nursing Home. All members are reminded to submit any activities performed in the service of Veterans to Mark Snider.

Nininger Veterans Nursing Home. The Veterans Support Committee has organized and the Chapter will host a Donut Saturday on June 24, 2023, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Alexander Nininger State Veterans Nursing Home. The Chapter is donating over \$550 in equipment for the facility consisting of a wheeled popcorn cart, an air fryer, a mobile dry erase whiteboard, and two big button TV remotes. These items will be presented as part of the event. All members are welcome to attend and a reminder notice will be e-mailed.

Vietnam War Commemoration. Mark Snider stated that he attended the Vietnam War Commemorative Welcome Home program in Washington DC last month. He received award pins and other items to be presented to our qualifying Veterans. The Chapter also received a Commemorative Flag and Certificate from the U.S. Department of Defense.

Treasurer & Editor – Joe Motes. Joe reported that all year to date transactions are recorded on the provided Status of Fund Report. As of May 31, 2023, the rounded balance in the checking account is \$5,784 and it is \$1,348 in the savings account. Chapter funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$3,730. Trust Estate funds invested in U.S. I-bonds, including accrued interest, is \$16,417. Chuck Adams reported on the Amended Budget and the new Program Activities Schedule as of May 31, 2023. He said that the new schedule ties to the ending balance of the amended operating budget. Its purpose is to show, in detail, the expenditure plan

as relates to uses of: 1) Chapter funds, 2) Chapter advances on costs fully or partially reimbursed from the FLSSAR trust fund, and 3) costs funded from the donations received from private entities.

Youth Programs. Joe Motes reported on the various schools he has attended in awarding JROTC medals and certificates. Steve De Paul commented on the enthusiasm of the recipients that he observed at the ceremony he attended representing the Chapter.

Election of Succeeding Chapter Historian. Chuck Adams introduced a **Motion** made by Joe Motes and seconded by Tim McLane, electing Kevin Shurte to serve as 2023 Chapter Historian for the unexpired term of Joe Motes. Unanimously approved.

Induction of New Member Compatriots. Chuck Adams inducted Compatriots Scott A. Moore and W. Cliff Dickinson. Ted Duay explained the purpose of and presented the Rosette recognition lapel pin to both Compatriots.

Presentation of Memorial Membership Certificate. Chuck Adams presented the SAR Memorial Membership Certificate for Eugene Spear to his brother and sponsor, Compatriot Michael Spear.

Presentation of SAR Membership Award Certificates. Chuck Adams presented the SAR 5 Year Membership Award Certificate to Jim Clark. He acknowledged other members having anniversaries as published in the June 2023 Newsletter.

Presentation of Chapter Meritorious Service Medal. Chuck Adams, assisted by Steve DePaul, presented the Chapter's Bronze Meritorious Service Medal to Jim Lohmeyer. Chuck report that since first joining the Chapter on September 9, 2004, that Jim has significantly contributed to the maintenance and development of the Chapter including service as: 1) President, 2007 & 2009; 2) Vice President, 2006 & 2008; 3) Secretary, 2014 to 2017; 4) Genealogist/Registrar, 2017 & 2018; and 5) Chaplain, 2021 - 2023. In addition to these elected positions, he has served as Chapter Representative from 2012 to 2020 on the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (CDCE/VAVS) Committee for the William "Bill" Kling VA Outpatient Clinic serving Broward County.

Unfinished Business/ New Business/ Announcements (Next Meeting 07/29/2023).

Chuck Adams reported that the Color Guard Committee will have a Zoom meeting scheduled shortly to finalize administrative and procedural matters. Any member attending the 133rd Congress in military attire can participate in color guard activities and earn national points. Joe Motes said that the next Zoom meeting of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (CDCE/VAVS) Committee will be conducted on the third Tuesday of July 2023 and that Mark and Chuck should receive an e-mail invitation.

Closing Ceremonies. The **Benediction** was given by Tim McLane. Chuck Adams led the participants in reciting the **SAR Recessional**.

Adjournment. Chuck Adams adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.



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Presentation of Chapter Meritorious Service Medal & Certificate – Jim Lohmeyer

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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.

**FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BUDGET COMPARISON
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023**

	2022	2023 BUDGET		5/31/2023
	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL	AMENDED	ACTUAL
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Year Beginning Checking Balance	5,985	5,469	5,469	5,469
INCOME				
New Applicant Dues & Fees, Reinstmt's & Transfers	525	175	275	175
Chapter Member Dues & Fees	1,100	1,300	1,500	
FLSSAR & NSSAR Dues & Fees	3,040	3,850	4,235	110
Chapter Member Donations	2,459	435	2,000	1,500
Corporate & Other Donations	-	2,000	3,000	3,000
FLSSAR Grant Reimbursements	1,696	2,250	2,500	-
CD or Bond Investment Proceeds	19,730	-	-	-
Subtotal - Income	28,550	10,010	13,510	4,785
Transfers-In from Savings	326	1,500	1,000	1,000
Total Sources	34,860	16,979	19,979	11,254
USES OF FUNDS				
EXPENSE				
Organizational Expense				
State & National Dues & Fees	5,390	3,695	4,290	165
Florida Annual Report	123	123	123	61
Bank Fees & Charges	12	73	73	73
Programs, Contributions & Charitable Giving				
Swamp Fox C.A.R., Meals	1,200	700	1,208	458
Boy Scout Council & Eagle Scouts	100	100	220	-
JRROTC Unit Support & SAR Medal Awards	100	100	985	50
FLSSAR Lady Auxiliary	-	100	120	59
CDCE/VAVS Contributions	-	200	200	-
Wreaths Across America	150	150	150	-
Nininger Nursing Home Support	-	-	550	-
Other Veterans & Stark Program Expense	-	-	350	-
Public Service Awards, Meals	-	-	110	77
Community Service Organizations Support	-	2,000	210	210
SAR Foundation - Eductaion Center & Museum	-	1,000	1,776	1,776
Color Guard Equipment & Support	-	-	1,000	-
Operating Expense & Supplies				
SAR Medals, Certificates & Supplies, excludes non-member	1,591	1,000	1,065	825
SAR Magazine Meeting Notice Ad	-	30	30	30
Postage & Delivery and Operating Supplies	36	150	150	-
Lunch Program, Donor Recognition, Meals	94	125	270	-
Website Hosting, Licensing & Apps	326	-	-	-
Subtotal Expense	9,121	9,546	12,880	3,784
Transfers-Out to Savings	20,269	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Uses	29,390	11,546	14,880	5,784
Year Ending Checking Balance	5,469	5,434	5,100	5,471
Savings account opening balances				
Deposits & Interest	3	1	3	2
Disbursement (I-Bond Purchases)	(9,600)	(9,500)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Net Transfers from / (to) checking	(307)	2,000	1,000	1,000
Year Ending Savings Balance	10,346	2,847	1,349	1,348
Investments in U.S. Treasury I-Bonds				
Chapter I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$3,500	3,000	500	500	500
Chapter Accrued Interest: \$230.40				
Chapter Cummulative Balance: \$3,730.40				
Trust Estate I-Bond Principle Purchases = \$16,000	6,600	9,500	9,500	9,500
Trust Estate Accrued Interest: \$417.20				
Trust Estate Cumulative Balance: \$16, 417.20				