

Meeting Minutes
Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR
September 18, 2021
Outback Steakhouse
2725 S. University Dr., Davie, FL

Attendance:

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

Call to Order: Thomas Shepherd gave the meeting to order at about 12:10 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:** made by Pete Stevenson and seconded by Chuck Adams to approve the meeting minutes of 7/17/2021. Unanimously approved.

Officer's and Committee Reports:

- **President:** Tom Shepherd commented on his personal views concerning the state of current affairs including ideas on how to boost chapter membership and meeting attendance.
- **Vice President and Local Registrar/Genealogist:** Chuck Adams reported that 3 new applications have been submitted to national for Steven DePaul, Jim Harn & Herb Gardner, and that he expects NSSAR approval by November. He stated that since June he has also received 6 other referrals from FLSSAR, but only expects that 1 prospect (Trent Prock) will be able to submit an approval application to NSSAR.
- **Treasurer/Historian and Program Committee Chairman:** Joe Motes reported the chapter's bank account has a current balance of \$1,937. The Chapter's certificate of deposit balance is \$19,729. He said that he would like an additional member to be added to the authorized signature card for the CD held at Wells Fargo. Chuck Adams agreed to become an authorized signer. Joe also discussed the chapter's twice a year \$350 contribution to CAR (Children of the American Revolution) which is partially reimbursed by the FLSSAR. Joe reported that 12 Eagle Scout certificates have been issued and that the chapter has continued to make awards for Junior ROTC local organizations. Due to COVID, the awards have not been made in person and he did not see this changing until perhaps next year.
- **Secretary:** Peter Stevenson had nothing more to report.

Old Business/New Business/Announcements:

- 1) Tom Shepherd stated that the Executive Committee would meet to prepare a slate of nominees to serve as the 2022 officers. As provided in the By-Laws, the slate will be presented at the October meeting. The election will be held at the November meeting.
- 2) John Lohmeyer asked if Chapter meetings will still be accessible via Zoom. Chuck Adams said that if we can overcome technical challenges that he will try to have Zoom coverage at future meetings.
- 3) Alan Manning suggested we update the chapter booklet. The current edition was issued in 2014. The booklet contains useful information on members, by laws, officers etc. Joe Motes agreed to contact the person with the DAR who had done the booklet to see how it could be updated.
- 4) The next meeting will be October 16th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Outback Steakhouse.

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

Adjournment: Thomas Shepherd adjourned the meeting at about 1:30 p.m.