



Meeting Minutes Sons of the American Revolution – Omaha Chapter

8 May 2018

The Omaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met at Gorat's Steakhouse on 8 May 2018. Members and guests attending: Thomas Upton (Jane), Ben Harvey, Paul Burrignt , John Parsons, Bob Knott (Rosemary), Merle McAlevy, Hank Austin (Charlotte), David Kentsmith, Mel Burrignt (Sandra), Richard Ewing (Lynn), State Secretary – John Reinert, Fred Walden (Jan), Ryan Fuller, Tom Jones (Sharon), Charles Reynolds (23% of chapter membership in attendance)

President Thomas Upton opened the meeting at 1805 hours. Our program was held prior to dinner. Jason Grof from Fort Atkinson gave a nice presentation on the history of the fort and the Bicentennial Celebration activities going on over the next 3 years.

All stood and repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. Members remained standing and repeated the Pledge to the SAR. The members introduced themselves (with guests) in a roundtable.

The minutes of the 11 Apr 2018 meeting were moved and accepted.

Officers Reports:

- Treasurer, John Parsons reported a balance of \$4,329.25. David Kentsmith moved to donate \$200 to Ft. Atkinson Foundation. Seconded by Bob Knott. Approved by membership.
- 2 apps in preparation. 1 awaiting approval. 3 still pended. State Secretary, John Reinert was thanked for all the time he puts in on ensuring applications are ready and sent to National.
- 6 member anniversaries for May: Martin Beerman (1990), Jeremy Christensen (2011), Richard Ewing (2010), Joe Mettenbrink (2001), Jason Huff (2005), Tom Upton (2015).

Old Business:

- Cancelled State Spring Meeting. No plans to reschedule before fall meeting in Sept. Eagle Scout award was given out.
- Patriot Biographies are still needed.

New Business:

- President Tom Upton initiated Charles G. Reynolds into the Society. Compatriot Reynolds gave a brief history of his Patriot Ancestor, William Reynolds (MD) and his application journey.
- Paul Burrignt spoke on upcoming SAR outreach opportunities for Color Guard and SAR members – Memorial Day at Omaha National Cemetery, Independence Day Parade in Ralston, Veterans Day Parade in Bellevue, and Eisenhower Grave Marking on June 2. Compatriot Mel Burrignt and State Secretary, John Reinert voiced interest in attending the Eisenhower Ceremony. No other interest shown as yet on attendance at any other event by chapter membership. Tom Jones moved for chapter to pay up to \$50 for wreath for Eisenhower Ceremony. Seconded by David Kentsmith. Approved by membership.

The next meeting is scheduled to occur on 11 Sep 2018. There being no other business, all members rose and repeated "Until we meet again..." The meeting was adjourned at 1947 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H Burrignt

Secretary Omaha Chapter

Officers 2018-2019: President – Thomas Upton, 1st Vice-President- Ben Harvey, Secretary- Paul H. Burrignt, Treasurer – John Parsons, Immediate Past Chapter President – Merle McAlevy