



Meeting Minutes Sons of the American Revolution – Omaha Chapter

12 October 2021

The Omaha Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met at Gorat's Steakhouse on 12 October 2021. Members and guests attending: John Parsons (Pauline), Ben Harvey, Paul Burrigh (Paula), Fred Walden (Jan), David Kentsmith (Kitty), Andrew Sullivan, Chuck Real, Jim Sly, Merl McAlvey, Mel Burrigh, Todd Vetter (Lucy), Drew Whiller (Cheryl), William Webb, and Jim Gansemer (Jackie). Guests present were Steve Bigelow (Ginni) and Kathy Aultz.

President Ben Harvey opened the meeting at 1900 hours.

All stood and repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. Members remained standing and repeated the Pledge to the SAR. The members introduced guests in attendance.

The minutes of the 14 September 2021 meeting were accepted by member vote.

Officers Reports:

- Treasurer, John Parsons – Account has \$3,104.64. Report approved by voice vote.
- Registrar, Paul Burrigh – The chapter has six new member, two supplemental, and one memorial applications that have been approved so far this year.

Old Business:

- No old business.

New Business:

- President Ben Harvey inducted New Member Todd Vetter.
- Paul Burrigh briefed the chapter on the 250th Anniversary Committee. The Nebraska SSAR will possibly conduct a Colonial Ball as part of this program, but it is still in the early exploration stages. Paul also requested all members strive to ensure a biography of their patriot(s) be created and submitted to the Chapter officers. We are exploring the idea of creating a book of chapter patriot bios.
- State President Merl McAlvey briefed the chapter on the State Meeting. A key agenda item was the activation of the By-Laws Committee to review & develop By-Laws for the State society. In addition, a proposed Committee Guide was presented.
- Compatriot David Kentsmith discussed the Wreaths Across America program and proposed that the chapter provide \$400.00 to the program. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- Compatriot Andrew Sullivan discussed the possibility of the chapter making a donation to National, in light of the recent increase in national dues. Compatriots Kentsmith and Fred Walden provided information concerning National's use of its funds. Compatriot Sullivan withdrew his suggestion.
- President's Remarks—Any other business?

Program: Douglas County Historical Society Director, Kathy Aultz, presented a great program on the history of Ft. Omaha.

The next meeting is scheduled to occur on 09 November 2021. There being no other business, all members rose and repeated "Until we meet again..." The meeting was adjourned at 2037 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

James Sly, D.R.E., ThD, PhD

Secretary, Omaha Chapter

Lt., Omaha Chapter Color Guard

2020-2021 Officers: President, Ben Harvey; Vice-President, Paul Burrigh; Treasurer, John Parsons; Secretary, Jim Sly; Registrar, Paul Burrigh; Color Guard Captain, Paul Burrigh; Chapter Webmaster, Paul Burrigh; Immediate Past Chapter President – Tom Upton