



Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

287th Birthday of General George Washington

Board of Managers Meeting
Griswold Inn, Essex, Connecticut
Saturday, February 23rd, 2019
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

10:40 AM: Call to Order by President Damien Cregeau

Invocation and Memoriam

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

SAR Pledge: "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."

Establishment of a Quorum - Recording Secretary Paul Selnau indicated that, with 16 members in attendance, a quorum was present for the meeting.

Minutes of Saturday, November 3, 2018 All-Members Meeting, Redding, Connecticut Library Officers, Branch and Committee meeting reports on our CTSSAR web site

Committee and Branch Reports are posted on our web site:

No additional reports, all reports submitted are posted on line.

President's Report

The president presented the details on the Litchfield Spy Conference scheduled for September 7th, 8th, and 9th that the CTSSAR was asked host in Litchfield. The event will center around the Spy's during the revolution and will likely be held at the Wisdom House. The conference will be part of the larger event Litchfield is planning for that weekend; the Color Guard be will be participating on September 8th. The president is arranging for guest speakers for September 9th. The details and times of the evets are being worked out and will be forth coming.

Treasurer Report

The treasurer reviewed the budget with all members presents and noted that we have a surplus of approximately \$7,000.00. The investment in the Manross fund was consistent with the market and has \$60,000.00 in unrealized losses as of the end of the year. Paul Selnau noted that the Manross committee met by phone in November anticipating losses in the market by the end of the year. Options were discussed, funds were reviewed and revisions to the account were made to mitigate losses.

Although we filed the 2015 tax extension within six-month period, the IRS had changed the rules requiring the extension to be filed in a three-month period. The treasurer is working with the IRS to correct the filing and have the \$1,800.00 penalty removed. The IRS is in receipt of our request and is reviewing the matter

Don is using a desk top version of QuickBooks and followed through with the discussions reviewed on this topic at the all members meeting in November.

In reviewing the budget, the members discussed the proposed coins and what line item the funds will be budgeted. We will be making a profit but will remain net neutral in the budget. The lines for marketing and public relations and moved the value to the surplus. The budget line item will be revised from Secretary to Secretary / Treasurer.

A motion was made by Tim Wilkins to approve the amended budget, the motion was seconded by Tyler Smith, all members voted in favor of the amended budget.

Dave reviewed the reconciliation that was sent to National and noted that we had 485 members in 2018. We have several dual members that are not included in report, and we'll be starting the year with 482 members. A full report has submitted to the membership for review and has been posted on the web site. We have 50 members who have dropped, it was suggested that the branch presidents reach out the members who have dropped.

Dave Packard's Properties Report: has been posted on line. He reviewed the budget with the BOM and the increase the line for the staff who will be paying their own taxes. The BOM recommended Dave review his request with the treasurer. Dave noted the repairs to be done is: the flag pole in East Haddam is damaged and needs to be repaired, options are under review and lights will be installed with motion detection. He noted that the budget is larger than normal due to the projects that are planned. Dave requested \$2,300.00 from the Manross fund for the repairs. David Perkins noted that the Manross committee must meet in March to prepare the Manross report and funds available.

Old Business

The New Haven July 2019 Event/Challenge Coins were presented by Ethan Stewart, the coin is available for sale today. Ethan noted that the stone has been moved to it's proper location by the Parks Department. A granite plaque will be cut and secured to the stone for \$1,500.00. Ethan is preparing the list of speakers and requested \$2,500.00 for the event. He and the President have requested a 25% to 50% reimbursement from the Washington Fund at National. A motion was made by Damien Cregeau to budget a maximum \$2,500.00 from the savings, the motion was seconded by Tim Wilkins, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Recess 12:15

Resume 1:12

New Business

Tyler Smith presented a report on the Knight Essay: 90 schools received the request for essays, 16 essays were received. The committee has a winner, and will be adding an honorable mention. It was noted that a we need to submit an award to National.

Steven Tayler presented the new challenge coins for Captain Nathan Hale Branch

Paul Selnau presented a report to the BOM on the summons the CTSSAR received in reference to the Lebanon green and. It was discovered that the green is not owned by any single party, the quick claims deed process in underway to grand abutting properties additional property, the town will own the green. All property will have a historical restriction. Paul Selnau made a motion; to allow the Secretary and Chancellor to continue to work in the best interest of the CTSSAR to resolve the quick claim process adding a portion of the property to the War Office site, Steve Taylor seconded the motion. Bill Fenn signed submitted the appearance for the SAR and the DAR and noted that this has the potential of become a larger issue, if the issue escalates, we may be incurring legal costs. All members voted in favor of the motion.

David Perkins presented a document proposing an honorary Governor Jonathan Trumbull Senior Branch #13 that will be associated with the War office. Dave Perkins put forth a motion to create the Branch and present it at the April Meeting with an October deadline for having ten members in the Branch. Tylor Smith seconded the motion. This would not be a members primary Branch; this would not affect the grants or funds from the Manross Fund; the President and the Secretary are honorary members; their dues would be paid by the CTSSAR; the funds will be distributed to the of the Property Committee and added to the budget. All members voted in favor of the motion.

David Perkins reminded all members present that the reports and documents relating to the CTSSAR are on the Web site and in National ShareFile data base

2023 NSSAR Congress; Damian Cregeau presented a proposal to the BOM, that if approved he will present to Congress requesting the eight-day Congress be held in Connecticut in 2023. David Perkins outlined and presented documents on how we would set funds aside each year to pay for Congress. We need members to go to Leadership and Congress, we need to set funds aside for members to attend, and a firm commitment from the CTSSAR members. Members were receptive to the hosting congress. A motion was made by Tim Wilkins to make a presentation to National requesting that National hold Congress Connecticut in 2023, the motion was seconded by Ethan Stewart, all members voted in favor of the motion.

SAR recessional: “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.”

Benediction Adjournment

Members Present

Humphrey Branch; One

Ethan Stewart, Bill Fenn, Don Studley, William Lane, Richard Kendall, Tim Wilkins

Hale Branch; Six

Tyler Smith, Stephen Taylor, David Packard

Wadsworth Branch; Seven

Damien Cregeau, Bill Baldwin (Proxy for Bruce Donald)

Baldwin Branch; Nine

David Perkins

Wolcott Branch; Ten

Paul Selnau, Ian King, Eric King

Mead Branch; Eleven

Frederick Nagle

Following the SAR recessional and the benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35

Respectfully submitted: Paul H. Selnau, CTSSAR Secretary