



Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Draft minutes
All-Member State Meeting
Armory of First Company, Governor's Foot Guard Hartford, Connecticut
Saturday, November 14, 2020

President Damien Cregeau called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Following the invocation, a moment of silence was observed for our compatriots who have passed away this year.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, and the SAR Pledge, the CTSSAR Secretary, Paul Selnau indicated that, 14 in person members, and 7 members on Zoom; 21 members are in attendance, a quorum was present for the meeting.

Committee and Branch Reports: posted on our web site:

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

President Report: The Presidents report is posted on line. He noted that six CTSSAR members attended the New England district Zoom meeting.

Old Business

President General Jack Manning was unable to attend the CTSSAR events on October 17 & 18, 2020.

Rumbaugh Orations Youth Awards Program: David Perkins noted that we had a young lady from Southington inquired about the Award Program which is a five-to-ten-minute oral presentation on the American Revolution. Dave noted that CTSSAR, like many States, have not participated in this program. This year we have an applicant interested and he recommended that the CTSSAR participate this year. We can participate as the CTSSAR or as the At Large body of applicants. The applicant must have their presentation submitted by March 2021. We have one applicant and will discuss the topic again in February to see if we have gotten additional applicants.

Dave Perkins made a motion that the CTSSAR proceed with the 2020-2021 Rumbaugh Oration Award and that we establish a budget of \$500.00 to the recipient and \$1,500.00 for travel expenses to be used if the applicant travels to Washington State to make the presentation. Tim Wilkins second the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

NSSAR 250th Anniversary Pins Report: Dave Perkins and Ethan Stewart reported that \$1,420.00 approved during the special meeting on November 13, 2020 was used to purchase an initial 1,000 pins. They have been all shipped at the CTSSAR has received over \$2,000.00 from the sale. We have another request for 1,000 pins from various States and its anticipated that after the balance of those pins are shipped, the pin committee will be placing a third order for 1,000 pins. It was noted that the funds are being deposited in the CTSSAR account and funds for new orders are being drawn from the sale proceeds.

New Business

240th Battle of Groton Heights in 2021 and the Friends of Ft. Griswold: Dave Perkins noted that this year it will be a “One Place Event” held on September 4th and 5th, 2021 and the color guard is considering an overnight encampment. Dave Perkins made a motion that the CTSSAR donate \$200.00 from the events budget to the “Friends of Fort Griswold”. Ted Nelson second the motion, all members voted in favor of the motion.

C.A.R. Presentation by CAR State president Alexis Delmore: Molly Nichols filling in for Alexis discussed her upcoming State and Nation projects supporting the men and women of the arms services. On behalf of the C.A.R., Molly Nichols and Jenny Renburg presented a POW-MIA flag to the CTSSAR to be flown at the properties.

Dave Perkins noted that we did not be receive the 2019 Admiral Furlong award this year because the Branch’s did not fulfill the necessary requirement of presenting Flag Awards this past year. We need two of the following Branch’s to present a Flag Award presented by the end of the year for us to be eligible for the 2020 Award; Humphrey, Sherman, Hale, Putnam, Wadsworth, Meed and Branch’s.

Dave Perkins noted that 64% of our members have paid their dues. A list of the 42 members that have not paid will be mailed out to the Branch presidents.

David Perkins discussed the Nation Building Restoration project currently underway and noted that the National was considering spending next year’s funds for the restoration. After discussing this with National, President General Jack Manning sent correspondence to the trustees stating that because States Societies did not spend their travel expenses to attend congress and leadership this year, would they consider sending these funds to National for the restoration. Dave encouraged all members to contribute. David Perkins made a motion that the CTSSAR donate \$500.00 from the Trustee Budget for the restoration effort. Ted Nelson second the motion, all members voted in favor of the motion.

Presentation of National and State Awards: See attached list of awards presented by Dave Perkins

Special thanks to Chef Todd Unkefer, Compatriot and Member of 1st Company for preparing today’s lunch.

Stephen Taylor made a motion that the CTSSAR donate \$100.00 to the First Company, Governor’s Foot Guard Hartford, Connecticut for use of the facility today from the “Events” portion of the budget. Ted Nelson second the motion, all members voted in favor of the motion.

A general discussion took place on the preparation of the budget for the February BOM meeting.

New member James Whittemore was sworn in as a new member of the CTSSAR, Branch 7.

Motion to Adjourn for Lunch: 12:25

The Meeting reconvened at 1:25

Following the SAR recessional and the benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 for a Tour of Armory Museum by Major Loren Schave, Historian and Museum Curator and Todd Unkefer

Members Present

Humphrey Branch; One

Ethan Stewart, Tim Wilkins, Stephen Chapman, Joe Markowski

Hale Branch; Six

Stephen Taylor, Ted Nelson, Court Kinnie, Bob Rivard, Frederick Rivard

Wadsworth Branch; Seven

Damien Cregeau, Bruce Donald, Todd Unkefer, New member James Whittemore

Baldwin Branch; Nine

Dave Perkins, Stephen Carrington

Wolcott Branch; Ten

Paul Selnau, Peter Stothart

At Large

Dan Dudley, Perry Taylor - WASSAR

Respectfully submitted: Paul H. Selnau, CTSSAR Secretary