

Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution
All Members Meeting
April 27, 2019
J. Timothy's Taverne - Plainville, CT
Draft Minutes

President Damien Cregeau. called the meeting to order at 10:37 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 Pledge to the CTSSAR Secretary, Paul Selnau indicated that, with 19 members in attendance, a quorum was present for the meeting.

President Cregeau welcomed all guest in attendance and noted that this is the second time during his term that all branches were represented at an all members meeting.

A motion was made by Dave Perkins to approve the minutes from the Minutes from the previous meeting held on February 23, 2019, the motion was second by Tim Wilkins, all members voted to approve the minutes.

Committee and Branch Reports are posted on our web site:

No additional reports or additions

Presidents Report

President Cregeau discussed the Spy Conference proposed for September 8, 2019 at the town of Litchfield that will be a part of the weekend celebrations. He discussed the proposed program that will take place September 7th, 8th and 9th. President Cregeau will continue update the BOM on the details of the schedule.

Treasurers Report

Don Studley presented the year-end report and noted that the Manross Fund had unrealized losses. Secretary Selnau noted that the Manross committee did have a phone conversation in November and did make adjustment to reduce the risk as much as possible.

We were penalized \$1,800.00 for filing the 2015 990 form late, we have received a letter from the IRS stating that they received our letter of explanation.

Don has remained with QuickBooks but is working on a desk top version not the full version, this will eliminate the annual fees. Don presented the proposed budget to the members today. All present reviewed the line items and modified the public relations and awards committee lines. Motion to approve the revised budget was made by Tim Wilkins, the motion was seconded my Tyler Smith. All members voted in favor of the budget as adjusted.

Dave Perkins presented the reconciliation forms submitted to National. At provided the list of outstanding members to the Branch Presidents.

Dave Packard presented the budget for the properties and discussed the upcoming maintenance plans for the year. Don Studley as treasurer clarified the budget questions asked by the members. Dave requested approximately \$23,000.00 from the Manross Fund. Don reported that based on the value of the fund and the funds in the properties account the money should be available. It was noted that the Manross committee needs to meet in March and submit a report at the April meeting.

Old Business

Ethan presented photographs and documents for the July 13th event in New Haven. Ethan proposed having a granite plaque that will be secured to the stone and will cost will be approximately \$1,500.0. Ethan and Damien submitted a request to the George Washington fund for reimbursement. Invitations have been sent out to local officials. Damien Cregeau made a motion to earmark a maximum of \$2,500.00 from the savings to pay for the event. The motion was seconded by Tim Wilkins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

Tyler Smith presented the report for the Knight Essay that will be posted on line. David Perkins noted that President Damien Cregeau needs to discuss the essay review process with the committee and insure we submit an essay to National each year.

The secretary updated the members on the legal issues on the Lebanon Green for the transfer of property to the CTSSAR. He received the summons from the Lebanon Historical Society and answered it through Bill Fenn. Secretary Selnau made a motion that will allow Bill Fenn and Paul Selnau to act on behalf of the CTSSAR to work with the courts to go through the quick claim process to receive a portion of the property. Steve Taylor Seconded the motion, all members voted in favor of the motion. Bill Fenn noted that this appears to be a simple issue but may have the potential to turn into a larger problem. He is currently working on this at no cost to the CTSSAR, if this turns into a larger issue there may be costs associated with this case. It was noted by Secretary Selnau that if this was to occur, it would be brought before the BOM. All members voted in favor of the motion.

September 7-9 plans continue to develop, President Damien Cregeau will be meeting with the DAR and developing the plans. He will be reviewing additional locations for the event and will inform the BOM as to the progress. A registration form will be sent out over the summer.

Recess for Lunch: 12:00

President Damien Cregeau Reconvene the meeting at 12:55

David Perkins presented documents on the creation of the Trumbull Branch #13. This Branch is being established to honor and promote the war office. We need ten members to create the branch, dues will be \$13.00 and we would meet once a year in October at the War Office. We will leave the membership open from today to our meeting at the War office in October. Members signing up at this time will be listed as charter members. We would then announce the formation of the Branch at the 2020 April annual meeting. David Perkins made a motion to establish the Governor Johnathan Trumbull Senior Branch #13 of the CTSSAR as described. The motion was seconded by Tyler Smith. This would not be a member's primary Branch, the CTSSAR would pay the dues for the officers who would be the State Officers; State President, Secretary and Treasurer, the dues collected and distributed to the properties would not affect the distribution made to the properties from the Manross Fund. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Historic Preservation pin previously presented by Ethan Stewart and approved by the BOM was presented to the members for review and noted that the latest State Coin is on sale today.

David Perkins presented the 13-star flag donated to the NSSAR that has been represented to the CTSSAR and will be on display at the war office. It was noted that the flag was likely be flown over the war office

David noted that the national society needs additional funds for the U. S. Air Force academy. Dave Perkins made a motion to donating the \$250.00 fund from the general fund. Ethan Stewart seconded the motion. All in favor on the motion

Colonel Thomas Knowlton Branch Awards

Capt. Nathan Hale Branch No. 6 and General David Humphreys Branch No. 1

Certificate Awards:

Outstanding participation: Stephan Taylor, Tim Wilkins, Tyler Smith

Distinguished service: Don Studley

Silver Roger Sherman medals:

John Morgan, Ian King, Eric King, Bob Carrara, Bill Fen, Bill Lane

Veteran Award:

Michael Juhase

President Cregeau informed the members that we were not selected to host the 2023 congress. The membership is still interested in pursuing this, we will make another presentation next year.

Tyler Smith as the Chairman of the Nomination presented the slate of officers for 2019- 2020 term, and presented a list of officers

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| President | Damien M. Cregeau |
| 1 st Vice President | Tyler D. Smith |
| 2 nd Vice President | Timothy C. Wilkins |
| Recording Secretary | Paul H. Selnau |
| Corresponding Secretary | Dave J. Perkins |
| Treasurer | Donald T. Studley |
| Assistant Treasurer | Richard W. Kendall |
| Registrar | Gregory E. Thompson |
| Chaplain | William J. Lane Jr |
| Historian | Gary S. Pitcock |
| Chancellor | William P. Fenn |
| Auditor | R. Bruce Donald |
| National Trustee | Kenneth D. Roach |
| Alternate National Trustee | Dave J. Perkins |

President Cregeau requested additional nominations from the floor three times. Hearing none he closed the nominations.

President Cregeau asked for a motion to approve the nominations. Dave Perkins made a motion to approve the nominations, the motion was made and seconded by Tim Wilkins. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made and seconded for the Secretary to cast one vote in favor of the 2019 -2020 nominations. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Secretary Selnau casted one vote in favor of the 2019 -2020 nominations for state officers.

The 2019 - 2020 officers were installed by Dave J. Perkins

Randolph Peterson was inducted as a new member in the CTSSAR, Meed Branch

David Perkins introduced this year’s JROTC Award winner; Cadet Jocelyn Villacreses presented his essay entitled “How has the JROTC prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America” to the member’s present. Dave Perkins and President Damien Cregeau presented Cadet Jocelyn Villacreses with her awards.

Timothy Wilkins introduced this year's Eagle Scout Award winner; Jacob O Reilly presented his essay on "Cesser Rodney" to the members present. Timothy Wilkins and President Damien Cregeau presented Jacobs O Reilly with his awards.

John Morgan introduced this year's Knight Essay Award winner; Emmaline Yarrows presented his essay on "Stamp Act" to the members present. Timothy Wilkins and President Damien Cregeau presented Emmaline Yarrows with his award.

Invest in the future of America: David Perkins made a request that the members consider making donations to the national endowment funds that support the national youth awards.

Members Present

Humphrey Branch; One

Ethan Stewart, Don Studley, Richard Kendell, Bill Fenn, Tim Wilkins

Putnam Branch; Four

Mike Juhase, Todd Gerlander, William Chapman

Hale Branch; Six

Joshua Taylor, Stephen Taylor, David Packard, Tyler Smith, Robert Chase

Wadsworth Branch; Seven

Damien Cregeau, Bruce Donald, William Baldwin, Dave Goodale,

Baldwin Branch; Nine

David Perkins

Wolcott Branch; Ten

Paul Selnau, Ian King, Eric King, John King

Mead Branch; Eleven

Randolph Peterson, Jeffrey Peterson, William Bandy

At Large

Douglas Wood

Following the SAR recessional and the benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33

Respectfully submitted: Paul H. Selnau, CTSSAR Secretary