

Society Conducts Meeting in Richmond February 9 2018

Below is the draft minutes



SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Winter Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 PM, Friday, February 9, 2018

Omni Hotel Richmond, Virginia

President Chuck Poland called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00am.

Chaplain David Howard gave the invocation at the request of the President.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mike Lyman.

24 members were present.

Reading of the previous Board Meeting's minutes was dispensed after a motion was made and approved.

Officer Reports:

The Registrar reported that we installed 5 new members since our last BOD meeting.

Treasurer Shane Newcombe reported that we have total assets of \$34,838 and membership currently stands at 139 members. He also reported on his report that he sent required data to the National Society. The current budget showed a surplus of \$3,458.94 from our income over expenses for 2017-2018. Our TD Ameritrade investment is doing fine.

The Quartermaster reported on his purchases and receipts of Society merchandise. The Society patch will be ready for the next BOD meeting.

The Chaplain reported on the Leftwich family memorial event recently held at Mt. Airy plantation in Bedford which was a joint ceremony with the VSSAR. Members need to let him know the names of next of kin in case of deaths.

There was no Historian report.

The Color Guard reported on their events that they have participated in events including the Pohick Church plaque presentation and a ceremony with 2 other SAR chapters honoring Lt. John Payne. They also were present at the Mt Airy memorial event. In December they had a float at the Warsaw Christmas Parade. They also have been a part of Little League games in the Northern Neck. Member Gary Hall will be our new member of the Guard. Dennis Fritts said that there is a proposed ceremony in Lee County and needs to know if anyone is interested.

Mike Lyman reported on our website and that we have had many queries re. ancestors. He also reported on grave markings since the last BOD meeting. VASSAR is planning a joint ceremony at Lynchburg city cemetery for Rev War and 1812 burials there. Cost of a plaque and pole will be about \$3200. A motion was made to authorize payment for this cost was made and approved. A plaque at the home of Burnt Chimney during the War of 1812 in Richmond County is proposed for a cost of \$2370. A motion was made and approved to authorize up to \$2500 for this plaque. He reported that the Burial Book publisher will not allow a second edition for the new burials found since the book was published. An addendum is proposed with a cost of \$250-300. Fifty more copies of the book along with 75 addendums will cost around \$1125. A motion to authorize payment was made and approved. Upcoming wreath laying events include March 16th at James Madison's home; March 29th at Hollywood Cemetery for John Tyler; April 28th at Hollywood for James Monroe's birthday and April 21st at James Monroe's birthplace near Colonial Beach. Shane reported of a ceremony honoring Judge Paul Carrington at Charlotte Co. at the Mulberry Hill plantation on June 23.

Next Muster date was determined to be June 9th at the Westwood Club in Richmond after a motion and vote approval. A burial program will follow the luncheon at the Shockoe Hill cemetery.

Ken Williamson reported changes may have to be made to the 3year budget due to member loss (10%). He gave highlights of past newsletters that has been written and sent. Banners and signs have been successful along with our brochure and business cards. The Society logo was colorized and name tags are available. New potential website and webmaster is on hold till we get some volunteers which

would ease the duties of Mike Lyman.

Dennis Fritts presented a new slate of officers for the next term of 2 years. He said we need support from the membership to perform the duties of the Society. The slate is as follows: President – Stuart Butler; First VP – Shane Newcombe; Second VP – James Green; Secretary – Paul Walden; Treasurer – Shane Newcombe; Registrar – Hugh Markham; Historian – Peter Broadbent; Chaplain – David Howard; Counsel – Carter Furr; and VP General- Chuck Poland. Proposed Councilors are: Charles Belfield, Bill Collier, John Epperly, Tom Whetstone and Ken Williamson.

A motion was made and approved to accept the proposed slate of officers.

Old Business:

Charles Belfield reported on the current status of the building of the James Monroe birthplace. All windows have been built and will be installed soon with siding among other things. By the April 21st Monroe ceremony, the exterior will be completed. A park will eventually be completed on the birthplace property. A recognition of our society on a window that was donated by our Society will be in the house.

The date for the Fall BOD meeting was discussed. There was discussion on whether we have our meetings on the same dates as VASSAR meetings as we currently do. We will explore having a meeting and tour of the Northern Neck area in the near future. We will explore why we lost 10% of our membership. It was also suggested we expand our BOD email list to include more members who attend our meetings who are not on the BOD.

We continue to have our ROTC presentation programs and if you cannot attend again this year please contact the President. We will post on the website who participates and which schools.

Ken Williamson said we need to consider things that will make our society more attractive to the public. It was suggested we get more involved with the schools and veteran hospitals. Paul Walden said he would help out with our school outreach. Hugh Markam will check with VASSAR re. the veteran outreach program they have and how it works.

Dave Howard gave the benediction and President Poland concluded and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
William Nash, Secretary



Above and below President Chuck Poland presides. To his right is Bill Nash, Secretary and Shane Newcombe, Treasurer





Above are some of the attendees



Above Charles Belfield reports on the activities of the society Color Guard and the society's gift of \$2500 for a special window in the James Monroe's father's replica farmhouse where President James Monroe was born. It is located near Colonial Beach in Westmoreland County. Charles is the supervisor of the construction of the house. The window has period glass panes and will show our society's name for future visitors to see.



Above the photo shows some of the 24 attendees

Below is a group photo taken outside the meeting room





Above President Chuck Poland gives greeting the following evening at the banquet of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution's annual conference which was held in the same hotel