

Society has prepared Draft Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting

In addition to the draft minutes shown below the society discussed disappointment that the Richmond City official has refused to allow anymore our society to honor War of 1812 veterans interred in the Shockoe Hill cemetery with our Society Grave Marker mounted adjacent to their gravestones.



SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812 IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Annual Membership Muster Meeting

10:00 AM, Saturday, June 9, 2018

Westwood Club, Richmond, Virginia

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

In Chaplain's David Howard absence, President Poland gave the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was led by past President Mike Lyman.

38 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 14 new members since for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Treasurer Shane Newcombe reported that we have total assets of \$31,431 and membership currently stands at 150 members. The current budget showed a deficit of \$97.67 from our income over expenses for 2017-2018. Our TD Ameritrade investment showed a return of around 10% over the past two years.

There was discussion by Ken Williamson on our three year budget. It assumes a 7% growth in membership resulting in surpluses of \$1,000-2000 per year. The Smile Amazon and Kroger card program was discussed. Expenses include \$5,000 per year for grave markings. Motion was made to approve the budget and Treasurer's report, seconded and approved.

The Quartermaster reported on his purchases and receipts of Society merchandise. 7 ROTC medal awards were given out this year.

There was no Historian report at this time.

The Color Guard reported three events since our last meeting. On April 6th they

were at the opening of the Richmond Co. Little League season. They also at the James Monroe celebration on April 28th at Colonial Beach. On May 28th Dennis Fritts was at the Veterans Day event in Dublin, VA. Members are encouraged to join the Guard. The motion was made to subsidize Color Guard uniforms up to \$500/member for a maximum of 5/year, seconded and approved.

Mike Lyman discussed the website that there were 25 postings and that 18 queries were answered to the website. There is an urgent need for a replacement for Mike to handle the website. Interested parties should contact the President or Mike. An Addendum was published to the Burials Book of 900 more burials in Va. in addition to the 4443 burials published in the 2012 publication. 50 more copies of the Burial Book were received. 75 copies of the Addendum have been ordered. Donations to libraries can be made for a cost of \$25 per book and \$12 per Addendum for members was motioned, seconded and approved. There were no grave markings during the first 5 months of this year. The plaques have been produced for the City Cemetery of Lynchburg for 1812 and Rev War burials. A plaque has been produced for the Burnt Chimney house in Richmond County. There were three burial markings on the day of the Muster in Shockoe Hill Cemetery. Discussion on markings in general for cemeteries was talked about.

Ken Williamson talked briefly about the success of our newsletter to over 300 people. He wants personal stories of our members to be published.

Charles Belfield gave a progress report of the building of the James Monroe Birthplace. It is on the way to completion and workers are on site daily. The Society contributed one of the windows of the house. Donations are needed to help complete the effort. Charles has financial figures for private donations to the house. Completion is set for late fall. There is also a 40 acre park on the birthplace site that is being completed. Future donations by the Society will be addressed at next Fall's meeting.

The new officers up for a vote are:

Stuart Butler – President, Shane Newcombe – 1st VP, 2nd VP – James Green, Secretary – Paul Walden, Treasurer – Shane Newcombe, Registrar – Hugh Markham, Historian – Peter Broadbent, Chaplain – David Howard, Counsel – Carter Furr, Quartermaster – Jim Thacker and VP General – Chuck Poland

The proposed Councilors are: Charles Belfield, Bill Collier, John Epperly, Tom Whetstone and Ken Williamson.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of officers and councilors and was approved by acclamation. Installation of the officers was done at the luncheon.

Paul Walden made the suggestion that an essay contest for high school students on the Virginians who participated in the War of 1812 be conducted with a prize of \$500 for the first place and \$250 for the second place essay. A motion was made to fund this project, seconded and approved.

President Poland concluded and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

William Nash, Secretary