Sons of the American Revolution

Marquis De Lafayette Chapter

Tuesday February 9, 2016

Minutes of February MDL Chapter Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President John Swab. The Colors were posted; the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR were recited. The invocation was given by Chaplain Baker. The guests and family members were introduced and welcomed.
2. Compatriot Jessel then introduced the Marquis de Lafayette Outstanding Cadet for 2015/2016 Cadet Major John F. Vermuth of the Air Force JROTC Unit Sandy Creek High School. John then read the essay that he wrote for his consideration for the award.
3. President Swab and Compatriot Jessel then awarded John the outstanding JROTC Certificate and Medal and $100 from the Chapter as the winner from the chapter and was then awarded the Check for $400 from the GASSAR for runner up in the State competition. John was accompanied by his Mother Martha Vermuth, Brother Hank Vermuth, Sister Anna Vermuth and CMSGT (Chief) Mark Davidson USAF Ret.
4. Chief Davidson then gave us a brief explanation of the program at the Sandy Creek High School and made comments on the character and ability of John Vermuth.
5. Compatriot Jessel then introduced Kallie Ann Coleman of McIntosh High School winner of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Knight Essay Contest. Kallie then read her essay on the causes of the revolutionary war.
6. President Swab and Compatriot Jessel then awarded her the Certificate and Medal as winner of the chapter contest and awarded her the $100 prize. Kallie was accompanied by her Dad Keith Coleman, Mother Lucy Coleman and Sister Kenley Coleman.
7. Compatriot Jessel then introduced Captain Mark Griffin of the Coweta Co. Fire Department. Captain Griffin was awarded the NSSAR Heroism Medal and Certificate for his brave act of saving an auto accident victim from beneath down electric power lines.
8. Captain Griffin then thanked the chapter for the recognition and the Coweta County Fire Dept. (CCFD) Assist Chief Scott Harmon said a few words of praise for the Captain.
9. The Secretary reported the minutes of the annual banquet were sent out to all. One correction was made that Robert “Don” Bullock is both the Genealogist and Registrar minutes were approved as Corrected.
10. Treasurer reported that we have 86 Members and the balance in the Bank in $1820.22 report filed with the minutes. Also reported that the 990 n was sent to the IRS and was accepted. Report was approved.
11. Chaplain reported that he understands that John Sloan is doing OK. Doug Stansberry is in the hospital again. It was decided to make a visit to Doug by Ted Hackney and others that can meet a 10 AM Feb 10 at the Piedmont Fayette Hospital. Doug is in Room 464 but may be transferred to Southland Nursing and Rehab Home for rehabilitation soon.
12. Genealogist reported that we have several prospects that we will be working on.
13. It was announced that James Strickland will be taking the Editor Position.
14. Registrar reported that we have 8 applications we are working on should have information soon
15. Graves Committee: Bob Wylie reported he will take on but will need help from all. It was brought up that James Strickland wants to have a grave marking in the Forrest Park area at some time.
16. The next parade will be the Fourth of July Parade in Peachtree City.
17. Public Safety: Please keep your eye out for acts of heroism by EMTs, Firemen or Police and any citizen that performs an act that is worthy of the heroism award.
18. The website is now up and is being populated. We need to get the activities of the chapter on the website.
19. Information will be sent out to colleges on the ROTC programs. We have 24 high schools in our area and will need help in the April and May for getting out the awards, especially in Henry and DeKalb Counties.
20. Bo Hill was announced as being on the education committee
21. We need help in getting speakers. If you have ideas contact Don Bulloch.
22. Upcoming event of Kettle Creek and Briar Creek were reviewed.
23. John Swab then presented the chapter the following awards that were given at the annual meeting of the GSSAR; Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Marked Certificate and a Gold Star, Georgia Society Membership Award, Distinguished Chapter Award, President General’s Award chapter of Distinction 2015 and the President General’s Award Chapter of Excellence 2015. John also presented the streamer for participation at the 235th commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens by Mike Tomme.
24. Brenda Jessel gave a brief talk on February 12 being GA Day.
25. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with the retiring of the Colors, the recessional and benediction.

Respectfully Submitted

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