**Sons of the American Revolution**

**Marquis de Lafayette Chapter**

**Minutes of the Tuesday February12, 2019**

**Chapter Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Don Bulloch, promptly at 7:00 PM. The Colors were posted, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Pledge to the S.A.R. were recited.

1. There were seventeen (17) guests and thirteen (13) members in attendance.
2. David Jessel gave the invocation.
3. Don welcomed all guests and asked the members to introduce their guests.

1. David Jessel introduced C/Maj. Robert Theiss, Lt Col Arthur Davenport (Instructor), Nathan Theiss (Father), Misty Theiss (Mother), Natnah Theiss (Brother), Robert J. Theiss (Grandfather), and Ins Theiss (Grandmother)
2. Marc Sanderson introduced Samuel Snyder, a senior at McIntosh High School. He was accompanied by his father Kevin Snyder.
3. The guests of other members were also introduced.
4. Marc Potteiger presented Samuel Hayden Snyder with the Bronze Boy Scout Medal award for outstanding achievement, exceptional leadership and citizenship, and the attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. Mr. Snyder attends McIntosh High School, is a member of Beta Club and the National Honor Society. His academic performance is outstanding.
5. David Jessel presented C/Maj. Robert B. Theiss (GA-934 AF JROTC Newnan High School) with the Outstanding Cadet award. Additionally Robert was given a ribbon and $100. Following the award presentation Robert thanked the Sons and identified areas where the JROTC program has helped mold his character making him a better person and a better citizen of the United States of America.
6. Don announced the following awards the Chapter received: 1-Streamer from Kettle Creek 2-Streamer from Cowpens 3-Americanism award 2018 4-Distinguished Chapter award 2018 5-Patriot Grave Certificate 6-CAR Liaison 2018
7. Don introduced the speaker for the evening, Brenda Davidson Jessel (President Benjamin Hardin Chapter U.S. Daughters of 1812 and Past Regent General NSDAR). As it was 12 February, the 285th birthday of the founding of Georgia, Mrs. Jessel’s presentation covered General James Oglethorpe and his role in the founding. James Oglethorpe was a member in the English Parliament and took an interest in the fate of prisoners incarcerated in England for failure to pay their debts. On this day, 285 years ago, he brought some two hundred plus prisoners across the Atlantic to what is now Savannah. She went on to explain some of the impacts these events had on Savannah and its development. At the conclusion of the presentation Mrs. Anna Thompson sang a rendition of “Georgia on my Mind” accompanying herself on guitar. At the conclusion of the presentation Don presented Brenda with a Certificate of Appreciation.
8. Secretary Report – Clark had no report but will improve. Banks Glover indicated that he could put minutes together for the January meeting.
9. Treasurer Report – Vernon Bassham stated that there is $3259.41 in the M.D.L. account. He received two (2) this evening which will be added.
10. Chaplain Report – Not present
11. Genealogist Report – David Jessel had nothing to report
12. Historian’s Report – Dr. Ludley reported that he has been working on the State Society 2018 Annual History Report which has assisted him with organizing his materials on a local level. Don has a copy of Dr. Ludley’s report if anyone wishes to review the document.
13. Public Information Officer/Editor’s Report – Nothing to report
14. Registrar Report – Michael Sanderson reported that we have three (3) perspective members who are in process. Two (2) of the perspective members were in attendance this evening.
15. Sargent-at-Arm’s Report – no report
16. Americanism – Color Guard Report - Walter Reed reported that he has been trying to obtain the Americanism form from National but it is not ready yet. Vern Basham attended Cowpens and took part in that presentation. Six (6) members attended the State meeting. At the Elijah Clark Commemoration last weekend David, Walt, and Brenda attended. Vern and Walt participated at Kettle Creek. Their participation included firing of muskets and the presenting of wreaths**.** David Jessel presented wreaths on behalf of the West Region and the German society. **Upcoming events include Briar Creek on March 2. Gilford Court House is on March 16. Thomas Creek is on March 30.**
17. Don reported that we currently do not have a D.A.R., C.A.R., S.A.R. Committee Chairmen. One will be appointed in the near future.
18. Boy Scouts Committee Report – Marc reported that they are trying to establish communication with Flint River Council so that we can be notified when there is an Eagle Scout award.
19. Flag Committee Report – David Ludley has given out two (2) certificates this last month. In one case two elderly ladies live together. In front of their home they display a flag including proper lighting at night. One of the ladies has three sons who have served in Afghanistan. One son, when he returned, brought a flag from his camp which he put up for them. A picture is on the web site.
20. Graves Committee – James Strickland reported that Vernon brought him some information on the graves in Pike County. The individual who owns the property has constructed a bridge but it is still difficult to gain access. As soon as we gain access, we will go forward with the process.
21. Membership Committee – Covered in the Registrar’s report.
22. Parade Committee - David Jessel reported that the Peachtree City fourth of July will be coming up. More information to follow.
23. Public Safety Committee – David Jessel referenced the teacher that assisted a child choking. The incident was written up in the Citizen. We should obtain further information about the incident and follow up with a presentation of a Life Saving Medal.
24. Publicity Committee – Nothing to report
25. JROTC Committee – David Jessel indicated that 3 or 4 of the local instructors have contacted him regarding a ceremony. The certificates have been prepared and signed. David will be seeking assistance in making the presentations.
26. Speaker Committee – Walt reported that the March Speaker will be Bill Kable and the subject of his presentation will be John Adams’s speech on July 2 to the Continental Congress. On April 9th the speaker will be Terry Manning. Walt is working with Hole Kimmel for the May meeting.
27. Veterans Committee – Walter Reed and David Jessel reviewed the setting up of trees, gift distribution, and tree removal activities over the holidays. Walt addressed Vietnam Days activities and will have more information soon.
28. Web Master Report – Banks Glover expressed his appreciation for all of the pictures which have been provided. He requested that some verbiage be given along with the pictures to enhance their presentation on the web site. Banks requested family history regarding the Patriots.
29. Old Business – No old business discussion.
30. New Business – Walter Reed is looking at planning the next annual meeting and asked if Flat Creek was acceptable. Walter also identified January 11 as a suggested date. It was agreed that Walt should go ahead with the 11th and try to confirm with the Club.

Don advised that the Heritage Bank will not be available in March as the meeting room will be in the process of some renovation. It was decided that we should apply for the “big” room at the Library for our March meeting. Don will follow-up.

1. Motion to adjourn was made, and a verbal vote was affirmative.

1. The Colors were retired, the S.A.R. Recessional was recited, and David Jessel gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Clark Perrin

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Note: Audio recordings of each Chapter meeting are available on request.