



San Diego Chapter SAR Board of Directors Minutes
03/14/2019
16066 Bernardo Heights Parkway
San Diego, CA

ATTENDEES

Bill Peters
Fred Hall
Ed Torrence
Ray Raser
Bill Weedman
Bob Hayden
Barry Key
Skip Cox
Duncan Campbell

POSITION

President*
Treasurer*
Sergeant-at-Arms*
Registrar*
VP for Membership*
Secretary*
Communications Director
Color Guard Commander
Member

Absent

Stan De Long	Chaplain*
George Brewster, Jr.	Chancellor
1 st VP	(Vacant)
2 nd VP	(Vacant)

(* Elected and Voting Board Members)

President Bill Peters called the monthly BOD's meeting to order at 11:30 am. Bob Hayden called for a motion to approve the minutes for the February BOD meeting. Ray Raser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice President (Vacant)
2nd Vice President (Vacant)
Chaplain (Stan De Long) (Excused)

Secretary (Bob Hayden)

Discussed member's reinstatement problems and solutions working with the Chapter treasurer Fred Hall.



Treasurer (Fred Hall)

Fred handed out the treasurer's report. No comments. Fred is tracking and compiling list of attendees at the monthly Membership Meetings by tracking payments through PayPal.

Under New Business the Chapter treasurer, Fred Hall, requested that the Board approve the San Diego Chapter Budget for 2019. Bill Weedman put forth the motion and Ray Raser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Fred announced that henceforth the monthly fee for the Chapter storage locker would automatically be deducted from the Chapter account with the Bank of America. Skip Cox will be reimbursed for his expenses and thank you for your patience Skip.

Vice President Membership (Bill Weedman)

Bill will present an award to Moin "Mo" Mirza, the winner at the Chapter level of the George & Stella M Knight Essay contest. Bill will present him with a check for \$150.00 and a certificate.

Mo's mother indicated to Bill that she would make a contribution to the San Diego Chapter.

Registrar (Ray Raser)

Met with Owen Stiles the CASSAR Registrar to discuss problem applications. The Jones application has been approved but still working on Clay Hoffman's and a couple of additional problem files with Owen.

Ray will reimburse the CASSAR Registrar fee of \$35.00 per application out of his own funds directly to Owen. Too many bureaucratic issues to make the payment through the organization.

Discussed the problem of retaining new members. One idea was to copy a DAR procedure of requiring prospective members to attend meetings before they are accepted into the DAR.

Genealogist (Duncan Campbell)

Duncan attended the BOD meeting today as a member but agreed to be appointed as the Chapter genealogist. Congratulations Duncan!

Duncan broached the idea of informing new members about the dress code for new inductees, perhaps through the website or maybe one of the officers involved in the induction process.

Color Guard Commander (Skip Cox)

Skip reported that we now have six active members of the Color Guard and that the Color Guard will be participating in the upcoming Monthly Breakfast meeting this Saturday.

Ed Torrence suggested that the arrangement of the Lectern and flag stands needs to be spaced out more in order to give the Color Guard room to maneuver during presentation of the Colors and other ceremonial duties. There was also a discussion about the way the flags were presented during the Pledge of Allegiance. The Color Guard should face the membership with the U.S. and Betsy Ross flags held upright during the recital and all other flags dipped forward.



There is a problem with the sequence of events that needs to be ironed out with the Color Guard, so the program flows more smoothly. Skip and President Peters will work out some new choreography based on the program.

Sergeant-at-Arms (Ed Torrence)

Ed has completed an inventory of the pins, medals and certificates of the Chapter and is still investigating inventory anomalies. Still looking for Von Steuben pins.

Will research a list of medals that can be awarded to the Color Guard personnel as a reward for their participation. Also researching SAR medals that can be awarded to JROTC members.

Ed requested that Barry Key make up a request similar to the one he made up last year to appeal to members to participate in the running of the Chapter. The request – appeal will be made at the next Membership Meeting this coming April.

Communication Director & Acting Webmaster (Barry Key)

Barry brought up the topic of the founding of the SAR 125 years ago and how to celebrate and acknowledge its birth. One suggestion was to stage a black-tie dinner at an appropriate venue in San Diego.

Alternatively, Barry suggested the Chapter participate in the annual 4th of July Independence Parade in Coronado and negotiate a position at the head of the parade with the Coronado 4th of July Parade Committee. The Chapter Color Guard along with members and family members, in convertibles if enough convertibles can be found, would be at the head of the parade but behind the Color Guard. If enough convertibles can't be found to accommodate all the participating members then a member could choose to walk the parade route. This plan would dovetail nicely with the founding of the SAR since the organization was founded on the 4th of July 1894.

President (Bill Peters)

President Peters discussed a proposed change to the by-laws to enable the Color Guard Commander to be elected to the Board as opposed to the current method of appointing the Commander. Chapter Bylaws require the Board to give the membership a 90-day notice of said change to facilitate comments from the general membership. A vote on the change would be required at a Special Membership Meeting. One of the suggestions for fulfilling the 90-day requirement was to insert a notice into the Chapter Newsletter and Magazine that will be available on the Chapter website.

Announcements



Ray Raser announced that the Mayflower Society will be sponsoring a float in the Rose Bowl Parade this year. They are looking for financial support and help with the float.

Barry Key reminded the Board that the dead-line for the annual Poster and brochure contest was rapidly approaching. Ray Raser volunteered to host the judges for the event at the Raser's home in Escondido.

Adjournment

Bob Hayden moved to adjourn the meeting and Ed Torrence 2nd the motion. Unanimous vote to adjourn. President Peters adjourned the meeting at 1:05pm

Regards,

Bob Hayden
Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR