



San Diego Chapter SAR Board of Directors Minutes
 01/21/2016
 Mimi's Café
 10799 Westview PKWY
 San Diego, CA

ATTENDEES

POSITION

Ray Raser	President and Chapter Registrar*
Bob Fagaly	Past President*
Dan McLaughlin	Treasurer*
Robert Hayden	Secretary*
Bill Weedman	VP for Membership*
Philip Hinshaw	Historian
Ernie McCullough	Genealogist
Dick Leslie	Web Master

Absent

Dave Shaffer	1st Vice President*
Tweed Centers	2 nd Vice President*
Stan De Long	Chaplain*
Tom Coxon	Sergeant-at-Arms*
Dick Barck	Communication Director
George Brewster, Jr.	Chancellor

(* Elected and Voting Board Members)

President Ray Raser called the monthly BOD's meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Bob Fagaly motioned to accept the minutes as amended for the December 2015 BOD's meeting, Bob Hayden seconded. No discussion was requested by the Board members and the motion carried unanimously by the Board.

President's Report (Ray Raser)

President's report sent by email to Board members. Ray reported that Tweed Centers is starting a new job so will have to keep his attention focused on his job for a while so he won't be able to fulfill his duties as 2nd VP, at least for a few months. Ray will ask Tweed if he can keep his name in place as the 2nd VP either until Tweed is ready to resume his duties at the Chapter



or until the Chapter can find another volunteer for the position. Tweed's wife is also scheduled for surgery which will necessitate Tweed's attention for the next few months also.

Ray is also looking for volunteers for the 1st VP position. Jim Mattern will approach Richard Palmer, though Richard has indicated that he believes it is a little early in his membership for him to assume those duties.

Ray is working with Jim Fosdyck, the CASSAR Chief of Protocol, to set up the venue for the 2017 CASSAR State Fall meeting in San Diego. So far, three venues are under consideration: Mission Bay Hotel, Wyndham Bay Hotel, and the Bahia Resort Hotel, all on or near Mission Bay. The Chapter will need to secure a contract by next month.

Past President

Past President Bob Fagaly will nominate new officers for the 2016 term at the January 23 membership meeting.

Appointed officers will be announced at the February membership meeting.

1st VP Report (Dave Shaffer)

Dave was absent, no report submitted.

2nd VP Report (Tweed Centers)

Excused from meeting, No report

Secretary Report (Bob Hayden)

Secretary's report submitted by email. Bob talked about Joe Miller's request for his Vietnam Recognition Certificate. Secretary will send President Raser information on him so he can pursue Joe's certificate. We also discussed the lack of military service records for a lot of the members. We discussed sending out emails from the Chapter website asking members to submit what branch of the service they were in the and duration of service and any other information they might like to give.

The Secretary reported that the Reconciliation report for 2015 has been submitted to Doug Bergtholdt, State Secretary CASSAR.

Treasurer's Report – (Dan McLaughlin)

Dan submitted the following reports by email, the Final Budget for 2015, Proposed Budget for 2016 and the 2015 End of Year Treasurer's Report which he reviewed with the Board. He also asked the members, especially those with committee responsibilities, to review the dollar amounts allocated for that committee and make an estimate as to whether the amount would be adequate for 2016.



Dan requested that a budget meeting be scheduled in the near future.

Dan also noted that he sent the State Secretary Doug Bergtholdt a check for the Chapter's NSSAR and CASSAR dues. President Raser requested that Dan send him a copy of the check.

We will need to change the President's name on the Chapter's Bank of America account when we elect a new president on the 23rd of January.

Dan reported that 45 members have signed up so far for the Saturday Members Breakfast meeting at the Officer's Club on MCAS Miramar.

VP Membership – (Bill Weedman)

Bill emailed his report. No comments

Chaplain Report – (Stan De Long)

Absent no report. President Raser suggested that Tom Coxon might be willing to offer the prayers at the Breakfast meetings and other gatherings of the Chapter in lieu of a regular Chaplain. There is a Prayer Book available on NSSAR'S website for members standing in as Chaplains.

Registrar Report – (Ray Raser)

Report emailed to members.

Genealogist Report – (Ernie McCullough)

No report

Historian Report – (Philip Hinshaw)

The report was submitted by email. Philip commented that he normally tries to attend both the CASSAR Spring Membership Meeting and the commemoration of the Battle of San Diego Bay but since they both fall on the same week in April and one event is being held in Sacramento and the other obviously in San Diego he will not be able to attend the Battle of San Diego Bay celebration this year. He requested that some of the Chapter members attend in his place.

Philip shared with the Board some poster showing various aspects of the Revolutionary War Era such as pictures of Presidents, VP, First Ladies, signers of the Declaration of Independence, etc. These posters can be purchased from a company in Notre Dame, Indiana. Philip also discussed the need for trifolds and bookmarks with information about the Chapter that can be handed out to people at public events

Phillip also shared with Board member's hard copies of calendars that Jim Blauer, the CASSAR Historian, gave him with patriotic information on them, used successfully for fund raising.

Philip directed Board members to an article about product branding on the NSSAR website. Currently NSSAR is working on a new brand name for the National Organization.



Vice Color Guard Commander – (Ernie McCullough)

Ernie reported that Stephen Wright, a new member, is interested in becoming part of the Color Guard. Also, Ernie will approach Liz Taylor of Garden Grove about tailoring more uniforms for us. They recently told him they will not accept any more orders from the Chapter. Ernie believes they felt pressured to complete the uniforms in too little time. He will explain to them that the Chapter will allow them a more reasonable time limit to complete a uniform from now on; no more emergency orders.

Sergeant at Arms – (Tom Coxon)

Absent, no report.

Education

Absent, no report.

Communications Director (Dick Barck)

Dick absent, no report.

Chapter Website (Dick Leslie)

Dick discussed some changes to the website and made a suggestion that a Members Only section could be started but the Board will need to settle on content before such a section is opened. A member's only section would require a password.

Dick requested that he be sent new members names, email addresses, and patriot ancestors and where the patriot ancestor served. He said an Excel file was fine when sending him this data. Bob Hayden will try to accommodate his request.

It was reported that Joe Engleson, the Chapter Web Consultant opined that the \$1.50 per transaction that PayPal charges the Chapter is a little high for a non-profit entity. Dan McLaughlin will look into the matter.

CASSAR has requested that the State Chapters update their information on member veterans and email the results to Doug Bergtholdt. Dick will send out an email broadcast to Chapter members requesting updates. Members who do not have an email address will need to receive a phone call or letter from the Chapter requesting the information.

The Youth Programs on the Chapter website are in need of updating



OLD BUSINESS

Medals and Awards Committee

Ernie McCullough has been appointed Medals and Awards Chairman. He is currently working on inventorying and organizing the medals and awards that were in the care of Stan De Long the former Chairman. He will need a meeting of the Medals and Awards members to work out details of how proceed.

The Chapter will need a planning person if we are to participate in the La Jolla Christmas Parade in 2016. Not resolved yet.

Philip Hinshaw and a few other Color Guardsmen commented that they would not participate in next year's *Wreaths Across America*, at Rosecrans Cemetery, if they had to stand through a long ceremony like the one in 2015. The length of the ceremony at Miramar Cemetery seemed more agreeable to the Color Guardsmen.

ROTC Program: Participating colleges, San Diego State, USD, and San Marcos State. Compatriot Jim Carey acted as Chairman for the Junior ROTC (Local High Schools) last year.

New Business

SAR SD 2016 Meetings:

The San Diego SAR membership meeting schedule has been decided and is a follows:

January, Officer's Club on MCAS Miramar

February, Green Dragon, in Carlsbad

March, Officer's Club on MCAS Miramar

April, Green Dragon, in Carlsbad

May, Officer's Club on MCAS Miramar

June, no meeting

July, no meeting

August, Green Dragon, in Carlsbad

September, to be determined by the DAR

November, Officer's Club on MCAS Miramar

December, no meeting

The Board discussed how to charge for the George Washington Luncheon, that is scheduled for February 2016, at the Green Dragon. It was decided that each member and guest would be charged a flat fee of \$30.00 for the luncheon regardless of what menu choice they made. There will only be one compensated meal for the speaker and compensation for his gas expenses to attend. Fifty dollars was proposed by the organizing committee. Bill Weedman will ask Green Dragon management about a child's meal price since \$30.00 is a little high for children. Also, the Green



Dragon charges a fee of \$19.20 for the breakfast buffet. The Chapter will charge \$22.00 per breakfast buffet.

The Board decided that the Chapter will not participate in the Memorial Day Ceremonies aboard the USS *Midway* Museum this year. Also, whether the Chapter will participate in the Flag Day Celebration is still under consideration.

Compatriot Jeff Grover and Patty Grover, son and wife of the late Compatriot Lafayette Willard Grover who passed away on November 29, 2015 will attend this Saturday's meeting at the Officer's Club MCAS Miramar. Jeff Grover is also a member of the San Diego Chapter.

Philip Hinshaw reminded all the Board members present that they need to take the on-line "Youth Protection Training" course offered to all Boy Scouts leaders. You may access this program through your web browser by going to the Boy Scouts of America and type in the phrase "Youth Protection Program" in the search box and then follow the instructions to take the on-line course.

Philip also reminded Board members that they needed to read and sign the Whistle Blower Policy and Conflict of Interest/Code of Organizational Conduct Policy right after they are sworn in, either for a new term or a repeat term. This form is covered under Chapter Policy No. 8 Code of Conduct Policy, though not presently adopted.

Youth Education

Philip Hinshaw pointed out that the Youth Education Committee is normally headed up by the 2nd VP.

Open Items & Announcements

The Chapter still needs to find candidates for the 2016 term of the 1st VP.

Also, see at the end of these minutes the Website's Masters (Dick Leslie) report for the January 21, 2016 BOD Meeting.

Bob Hayden moved to adjourn the meeting and Bob Fagaly seconded; unanimous approval by the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm
Bob Hayden
Secretary San Diego SAR



January 2016 Webmaster Report

1. Philip Hinshaw, Bill Weedman and I have formed a website committee to review our new website content and structure.
2. To date we have had two meetings and:
 - Added State and National Event tabs which include the events we believe to be of general interest to the members. Three National events and two State events have been added.
 - Changed the menu name Gallery to News and will include news and stories of interest. Battle of Bennington is the first on the article. Photos will remain here, but as a sub-menu.
 - Added the Chapter Handbook plus an article about the San Diego Chapter Minuteman Award recipients to the About SAR San Diego menu tab.
 - Currently reviewing the copy for the About SAR, About SAR San Diego and Programs pages.
3. Joe has implemented the ability for members to register and pay for monthly meetings (and anything else) online using PayPal.
4. We also have the ability to broadcast messages to all members with email addresses.
5. Based on items 3 and 4 above, the Board should decide whether or not to standardize the method of emailing all members and how to communicate with members who do not have email addresses.
6. In addition, the Board should decide on a standard system and procedure for communicating information about our meetings.
7. Ownership of the chapter's old domain name, sandiegosar.org, has been renewed for another year. This domain redirects people to our new name and website.
8. We recommend the VP of Membership send a welcome email to new members and encouraging them to get involved with one of our committees.
9. Candidates for inclusion on the website are chapter bylaws, Board meeting minutes, Board Member Reports (including Treasurer's Report), and membership roster information.
10. The new web technology provides the ability for us to include a "Members Only" area of the site for sensitive information. When appropriate the Board should decide if this is needed.



Dick Leslie, Webmaster