

San Diego Chapter SAR Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

10/15/2020

Teleconference Hosted by Barry Key,

Communications Director

Vista, CA

ATTENDEES

POSITION

Bill Peters	President*
Bill Weedman	VP for Membership*
Fred Hall	Treasurer*
Bob Hayden	Secretary*
Ray Raser	Registrar*
George Brewster, Jr.	Chancellor
Barry Key	Communications Director

Absent

Duncan Campbell	Color Guard Commander*
Michael Hirman	2nd Vice President*
Stan De Long	Chaplain*

President Peters called the meeting to order at 11:37pm

Bill Weedman motioned to accept the minutes for the September 17th Board of Director's meeting and Chapter Treasurer Fred Hall seconded the motion. President Peters called for discussion, but none was offered. President Peters called for an affirmative vote by a show of hands. Vote was unanimous to accept.

Officer Reports:

2nd Vice President (Michael Hirman)

Absent

1st Vice President (Edward Torrence)

Unfortunately, a few days after the Board meeting we received word that Ed had passed away due to complications with his ongoing battle with cancer.

Secretary (Bob Hayden)

Bob reported we currently have 176 members in the Chapter.

Mailed six NSSAR Approved Membership Applications and accompanying California Membership Certificates to members due to the coronavirus shutting down membership meetings and making it impossible to present them personally.

Reported that the dues collection for 2021 has started with the participation of Communications Director Barry Key and Treasurer Fred Hall. So far, no problems.

Treasurer (Fred Hall)

Fred emailed September Treasurer's report to Board members.

Reported the Chapter has \$21,937.49 as of the end of September.

Dues payments are starting to come in. Fred anticipates a busy October.

Vice President Membership (Bill Weedman)

Bill Peters and Bill Weedman discussed the status of the "New Member Manual". At this time Bill Weedman has not been able to work on it due competing demands on his time. Will try and look into it soon though.

Chaplain (Stan DeLong)

Absent

Registrar (Ray Raser)

Ray reported that six new members have been okayed by National for the San Diego Chapter. National is still having problems processing the applications of new members.

Genealogist (Vacant)

Color Guard Commander (Duncan Campbell)

Duncan Campbell will be on leave from the U.S. Forest Service at least through this weekend and will attend the upcoming Color Guard activity this Saturday per President Peters.

Duncan emailed me, post Board meeting that the Veterans Day Parade has been cancelled but there will be a Veteran's day event at the Veteran's center near Balboa Park. Duncan is talking with organizers to see if the Chapter Color Guard can be part of the event.

Sergeant at Arms (Vacant)

Still no candidates yet.

Communications Director (Barry Key)

Reported that website has been updated to include search engine optimization which allows a more focused search for subjects pertinent to SAR.

Fixed problem with the "This Day in History" account that was not posting to Facebook and Instagram. It is working okay now.

Barry talked about the GuideStar program, an on-line site that can be used to check up on organizations that accept charitable giving such as the SD Chapter of the SAR. Barry is in the process of submitting the paperwork to GuideStar for them to rate us and make that rating available to anyone interested in giving. We have currently reached Silver Level Status, and Barry will prepare paperwork for Gold Level (2nd highest).

In the not too distant future Barry hopes to be set up on Face Book and Amazon Smile to receive donations also. Some of these sites will match donations given by individuals so that could be an extra stream of income for the Chapter.

President (Bill Peters)

President Peters discussed chairing the committees and questioned whether the Chapter needs to review the Chapter bylaws for updating. George Brewster agreed to research the question of a standard time interval for Chapter By-laws review, perhaps set by NSSAR or CASSAR.

President Peters requested that Bob Hayden send the latest version of the Chapter by-laws to Board members.

Still uncertain about the status of the Veterans Day Parade this year. Best bet is to keep an eye on the parade website.

Discussed the possibility of holding a virtual membership meeting but there was not much enthusiasm from the Board given the difficulty of recruiting interesting speakers and the technology hurdles a large portion of the membership would need to overcome to attend. At

this point the idea is still in limbo. Bill will talk to our program manager and try and come up with some more ideas for a virtual meeting of the membership.

Discussed moving the beginning time for Zoom Board meetings back to 10:00am until the Chapter can resume in-person meetings. 10:00am was agreed to by the board members.

President Peters discussed the need to obtain a Corporate Mailbox to conduct Chapter business with other businesses with the stipulation that the mailbox have an actual mailing address not just a PO Box number. A corporate mailbox negates the need for businesses to send Chapter business correspondence to a member's home address. Also, once Barry signs the Chapter up with GuideStar they require a street address to do business with them.

The Chapter Treasurer, Fred Hall, made a motion to procure a Corporate Mailbox for Chapter business with a physical address. Chapter Chancellor, George Brewster, seconded the motion.

President Peters called for discussion, but none was offered. Then called for a Board vote.

Present Board members voted unanimously to go forward with the purchase.

The question of the location of the Mailbox was discussed and a consensus was that it should be centrally located in the San Diego Metropolitan area. Also, questioned if the Mailbox provider will forward mail. President Peters will look into these questions and try and get an answer back to the Board next week.

Discussed inviting the Knights of Columbus members to attend SAR patriotic events like Massing of the Colors, etc. Board members suggested that we also invite members of the Mayflower Society, Children of the American Revolution (CAR) and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Communications Director Barry Key volunteered that he could make up a small distribution list for any organization SAR would like to invite and send notices to key people in these organizations to let them know of upcoming events. Members of these organizations could at their own volition attend or not attend. Of course, these organizations would reciprocate by inviting the SAR to their patriotic events too.

Barry also, volunteered to make up and distribute a memo to Board members outlining the procedure for inviting other organizations to attend SAR events. The Board would need to be consulted before an invitation was sent out.

Discussed Chapter calendar status. President Peters asked Bob Hayden if he would mind taking over calendar maintenance. Bob agreed.

Discussed awards and upcoming contest such as the Poster and brochure contest. President Bill Peters will try and contact Renee Kavanaugh, fifth grade teacher, at Silver Strand Elementary

School in Coronado to see if they will be participating in 2021 Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. Bill will also contact 2nd Vice President Michael Hirman to see what he is planning for these contests too.

President Peters called for a motion to close the meeting.

George Brewster made a motion to close out the meeting and Bill Weedman seconded.

President Peters called for discussion, none offered. Board voted unanimously to end meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48pm.

Patriotically,

Bob Hayden

Secretary San Diego Chapter Secretary