

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR
Minutes Of meeting
21 DEC 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Lee at 8:30 am at the Country Club Of Missouri. There were 17 members and 8 guests present (see attached list). Guests included Dr. Steve Jones and prospective member Terrell Stamps.

The colors were presented by color guard members; Wayne Merrill and John Coutts. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Hiles. The pledge of allegiance and the pledge the SAR was led by President Lee.

President Lee announced that COM Harold Kerr is ill and therefore will not be in attendance today.

The meeting took a break for breakfast. Following breakfast, the meeting was again called to order and the program was introduced.

The program was presented by REV Dr. Larry Brown. Dr. Brown is a retired university professor Geography and is an ordained minister. He was introduced by COM J. Wayne Merrill.

The program was on the life of Jean Baptist Charbonneau, the son of Sacagawea who guided and translated for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Sacagawea's husband Toussaint Charbonneau, was also with the expedition. Jean Baptiste was born on the journey at Ft. Mandan on 11 FEB 1803.

During the journey little Jean Baptist almost died at least twice, once when a boat overturned and once from rattlesnake. He made the 4600 mile journey being carried in a back pack or in a ox cradle. William Clark was very fond of the boy and named him Pompey or Pomp.

Sacagawea likely died at 28 years of age, though some think she may have survived much longer. In any case Jean Baptist became the ward of Clark and grew up in comparative luxury in St. Louis. He was educated at Bishop DuBorg School, which later became St. Louis University. He traveled extensively in Europe and Africa under the care of a European Duke. He learned at least five languages and numerous Indian dialects. He had at least one child while on these journeys, but never married.

Highly educated and respected, he became a mountainman fur trapper with the Robidoux Company. During this time, he associated with and was friends with Jim Bridger and Kit Carson. After his father died, he returned from the wilderness to St. Louis in 1843.

He was a guide to the "Mormon Battalion" in the Mexican-American War in 1846.

In 1866, he was in a boat which overturned in very cold river water and became ill. He died from the resulting fever. He was the last survivor, except one, of the Corps of Discovery group.

Following the program, Dr. Brown was presented with an Outstanding Citizen Award and a medal.

The next item of business was the induction of new member David Smarr. His sponsor and Mentor is COM John Coutts.

The meeting continued with the presentation of the minutes of the November meeting. COM Hiles moved to "...approve the minutes as presented", COM Coutts seconded and the motion passed.

In the absence of Treasurer Stone, the Treasurer's report was given by President Lee. It was filed for record.

COM Coutts made the Genealogist report. New COM Smarr's application was approved at National as well as the Junior Memberships of his two grandsons. Supplemental Applications for COMs Coutts, Strader, and Hillis have also been approved.

Terrill

COM Jim Lee reported that one Eagle Scout application from Jackson Unger of Mexico has been received.

Pres Lee reported that he has the certificates and medals for the ROTC awards in hand.

COM Kerr sent word that Wreaths Across America and distribution of the Mason broadsides have been completed. We still need VA hospital volunteers.

We have made good progress in dues collection, but we still have more to collect. President Lee will make additional contacts with those late payers.

COM Jones reported that his father's (Al Jones) West Point ring has been sent West Point to be melted down and used to make rings for the next West Point class. Several members spoke in tribute to COM Al Jones.

The 50-50 drawing was won by COM Raymond Miller, who won \$11.00

We still need a program for our May meeting. Next month the program will be "American Military Chaplains", presented by COM J. Y. Miller.

The meeting was adjourned after retiring the flags and recital of the recessional and a prayer by Chaplain Hiles. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13.

Respectively Submitted

James Y. Miller
Substitute for SEC Kerr

| 21 DEC MEETING 2019 | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|--|
| NAME | MEALS | COMMENT | |
| Bartlett, Bob | 1 | NO RSVP | |
| Breedlove, Michael | ----- | DID NOT ATTEND | |
| Cocoutts, John | 2 | | |
| Hammons, Hank & Val | 2 | 17 MEMBERS | |
| Hiles, Alan | 1 | 8 GUESTS | |
| Hill, Robert | 1 | 25 MEALS | |
| Jones, Steve | 1 | GUARANTEE 25 MEALS | |
| Jones, Terrill | 2 | | |
| Krudsen, Ron | 1 | 50-50 \$12.00 | |
| Lee, Charlie | 1 | | |
| Lee, James | 1 | | |
| Merrill, Wayne & Pat | 2 | | |
| Miller, J.Y. | 1 | | |
| Miller, Ray | 2 | | |
| Moore, Mitchell | 1 | | |
| Rath, Rusty | ----- | DID NOT ATTEND | |
| Smarr, David | 1 | | |
| Stamps, Terrell & Ranne | 2 | NO RSVP/ | |
| Strubinger, Edwin | 1 | | |
| DR. LARRY BROWN | 1 | SPEAKER | |