

## **M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR Minutes of meeting 16 JAN 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Lee at 8:30. The pledge was led by COM Garland Lessley. The SAR pledge by COM David Bartlett. The prayer by COM J. Y. Miller. There were 9 members and three guests present (see appended list). 10 meals were provided. Guests included Sharon Moore, wife of COM Moore and Kevin & Amy Frevert, parents of new member Blake Frevert.

President Lee announced that the charter was draped for COM LTC Jimmie Coy. Chaplain Hiles has requested that he be able to offer a formal tribute to COM Coy when he is able to attend.

Birthdays were recognized: COM Garland Lessley, COM Stephen DeVenney, and Elsie Henderson, COM J. Y. Miller's mother in law who will be 98 on Sunday.

Members who were sick were remembered. They include COM Jack Chance, Ray Miller III, son of COM Ray Miller, COM Paul Whatley, and COM Harold Kerr.

At 8:44, the meeting broke for breakfast, which was served plated instead of buffet.

At 9:05 the meeting resumed with the program presented by COM Mitchell Moore. The program covered Benedict Arnold's expedition into Canada in an attempt to conquer Quebec and create a 14th colony. The difficult journey was fraught with hardships and hunger and the 1100 men were not successful. COM Moore's patriot ancestor was a private in the expedition.

President Charlie then requested COM J. Y. Miller to list the programs anticipated in the coming months. See "meetings" section of the web page for the listing.

President Charlie called new member Blake Frevert forward to be inducted as a member. Blake's mother pinned on his rosette and he was presented with the usual certificate and other paperwork.

COM Miller stated that minutes of the last meeting had been posted on the webpage and that copies were on the tables. He moved that the minutes be approved. Seconded by COM David Bartlett. Motion Passed.

COM Russ DeVenney reported on the financial status and distributed printed copies. He proposed that the next budget be based on a calendar year. COM DeVenney also reported that he had sent \$25.00 as a Chapter donation to the Friends of the Library project. COM Moore moved to accept the report and file it for audit. COM Bartlett seconded. Motion passed. COM Moore then moved to accept the proposal for calendar year budgets. COM Bartlett seconded. Motion passed

COM John Coutts reported that several applications are in the works both locally and recently submitted.

COM Jim Lee reported that two applications for the Eagle Scout Scholarship had been received. The application of Charles Knox was selected to be submitted to the State.

COM David Bartlett reported that he will contact the MU ROTC department RE our SAR ROTC recognition.

President Lee reported that COM Harold Kerr has submitted both the FOGG and Americanism report forms.

2President Lee read (2nd reading) the proposed slate of officers for the next cycle. Since COM Kerr has expressed a need to reduce his involvement due to health issues, he will not be able to serve as Secretary. COM Miller nominated Mitchell Moore to serve as Secretary. COM Russ DeVenney seconded and the nomination was accepted by unanimous vote. The election will take place at the February meeting with the installation to follow. Additional nominations may be made at that meeting. You may see the slate on the Chapter website

COM J. Y. Miller conducted the 50-50 drawing. The winner of \$6.00 was COM Jim Lee.

It was reported that the Columbian chapter of the DAR had thanked us for our color guard at the cemetery wreath laying.

There followed a lengthy discussion on in-person meetings or zoom meetings for the duration of the meeting cycle. There were numerous opinions presented on both sides including results of the online survey which was strongly in favor of zoom meetings. Finally, it was decided to hold an in person meeting in February while also presenting it on zoom. CCOM John Coutts, his wife Linda and COM David Bartlett will work on getting the technical aspects for this arranged.

COM Russ DeVenney still has anniversary pins for sale at \$5.00 each.

COM Miller reported on the recent successful scam attack made on a member which cost him \$1000. Several hints were presented on how to avoid these scams More details had been included in a recent post to the Chapter mailing list. Miller reported that the list will revert to Unmoderated today and urged that members follow common sense and care in making posts.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 after the SAR Recessional led by COM Jim Lee and a closing prayer by COM J. Y. Miller .

Respectfully submitted

J. Y. Miller  
Acting Secretary

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NAME	#	PHONE	COMMENT
Bartlett, David	1	573-489-0376	
Coutts, John	1	573-445-0396	
DeVenney, Russ	1	573-289-1299	
Fevart, Blake Mom/Dad	1	660-882-6601	
Jee, Charles	1	573-475-4710	
Lee, Jim	1	573-881-6588	
Jessley, Garland	1	660-263-8008	
Miller, J. Y.	1	660-338-2106	
Moore, Mitchell	29	573-449-3318	Plus Sharon
Shelley, Paul	1		did not attend/br/has