



Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Indiana Society

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Meeting Minutes Spring Meeting, March 20th, 2020 Zoom Online Meeting 10:00 a.m. EDT

Opening Remarks:

- President Jones welcomed the online attendees and provided an introduction to the Zoom virtual meeting.
- Vice-President King led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Assistant Secretary Wright led the group in reciting the SAR Pledge.
- President Jones performed a roll call of Zoom participants. Fourteen Chapter members participated and one prospective member.
- President Jones provided updates from our last Chapter Zoom Meeting and discussed National SAR subset goals of *Patriotic, Historical, and Educational*.

Announcement of New Members:

- President Jones announced the following new members since the last meeting:
 - John Booher Lindsey
 - David Rousculp-(Transfer)
 - Compatriot Rousculp was at the Zoom meeting and provided a brief biography of himself and his new appointment as "General Anthony Wayne" for the Ft Wayne Commemoration Committee.

Chapter Awards:

- The following Anthony Halberstadt Chapter Awards were announced by Vice-President King:
 - 15th year Anniversary Service Award to Compatriot Kenneth Locke

Awards and Recognition:

Compatriot Hamilton informed the chapter of the following awardees:

- Knight Essay - Heidi Wilhelm-1st place chapter winner and 2nd place state winner

Compatriot Wright informed the chapter of the following awardees:

- Brochure-Audrey Kourany-"Bill of Rights"-1st place chapter winner. Miss. Kourany's brochure will be submitted to the INSSAR for state competition.

Chapter Reports:

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Compatriot James Hamilton (Attached). Compatriot Hamilton discussed how an additional \$2,750.01 in carryover funds was transferred into the newly established Savings Account Fund to draw more interest for the chapter.
- The Secretary's Report was presented by Secretary Compatriot Jason Vasher. Specifically, it was mentioned two new officer positions were added at the last meeting. This included the Assistant Secretary and Webmaster positions.
- The Registrar's and Color Guard Report was presented by Compatriot William Sharpe III. Compatriot Sharpe mentioned two new applicants he is working with currently. Compatriot Sharpe did report he had attended a National SAR sponsored event for which the chapter can get credit for Americanism scoring.
- The Historian's Report was presented by Compatriot James Burke who informed the group he is diligently working to digitize Chapter records to be posted on the website and stored virtually.
- Committee Reports:
 - Website: Compatriot King informed the group that the website was up and running. The focus will be to keep it updated regularly and include biographies of Patriots and a schedule of events.
 - Awards: Compatriot King reported that it has been a challenging year due to Covid-19. He mentioned we have awarded an Essay and Brochure winner with a Flag Certificate and JROTC awards ongoing.
 - Programs: President Jones reported that Compatriot David Rousculp could discuss his uniform and role as "Mr. Anthony Wayne" at the next Chapter meeting, anticipated to be in person
 - Membership: President Jones mentioned a focus on developing and mentoring new Chapter members. Specifically at the next meeting, he wants to assign mentors to meet new members 30 minutes prior to the Chapter meeting with Chapter membership handbooks provided.
 - Service Project: President Jones on behalf of Compatriot Kohart discussed a Chapter Service Project with the VA. The Chapter has agreed to work with the VA food pantry to provide food donations from a list provided by the VA.
 - Youth Programs:
 - Knight Essay: Compatriot Hamilton had no additional updates from the earlier meeting announcement on the essay contest. It should be noted Compatriot Hamilton mentioned the State Knight Essay winner was Estell Ryhal.
 - Brochure: Compatriot Wright had no additional updates from the earlier meeting announcement on the brochure contest. It should be mentioned that Compatriot Wright mentioned that the Chapter does award challenge coins for the 2nd and 3rd place winners of the brochure contest.
 - History Teacher Contest: President Jones reported that Compatriot Asa Dunnington is working on recognizing a local History teacher.
 - Toward the end of the meeting-, Compatriot Dunnington was present and informed the group he was focusing on Allen County and any specific county that was recommended.
 - Eagle Scout: Compatriot Burke mentioned he was in contact with the local Eagle Scout office and was actively trying to find different ways to be able to contact Eagle Scouts thru email, etc.

- JROTC: Compatriot Stebbins informed the group he is looking to get a qualified Cadet for the Enhanced JROTC award, which is a National Award. He mentioned Marion High School under the command of LTC. Farlow has an award recipient. The rest of the high school programs he is attempting to get recommendations from include the Civil Air Patrol and Sea Cadets.
- Flag Recognition: Compatriot Stebbins has informed the Chapter he is looking for Flag Recognition awardees that fly their flags 7 days a week in neighborhoods. He currently has a Chapter Flag Award winner in his dentist Dr. Timothy D. Lynch.
- Veterans Service Corp: Compatriot Stebbins mentioned if any Compatriot has served active duty and is a Veteran we need to start the process to get them the Veterans Service Corp Award.
- Press Awareness: President Jones mentioned when the next Chapter Flag Award is presented we need to get the picture and other background info to him to be published. Compatriot King then informed the group we will need a photo release form with any pictures taken. A photo release form is on file courtesy of Compatriot Wright.
- Publications: Compatriot Wright informed the members we have no 1st quarter updates. He did state we would likely have upcoming events for publication in the 2nd quarter with the VA Food Donations and Youth Award winners.
- Public Safety: Compatriot Jones informed the members Compatriot Stier has two awardees for the June meeting. The winners come from Fire and Police areas.
- Americanism: Compatriot and Former Chapter President David Peters has informed the group we are progressing well in metrics for the Presidential streamer at 55% of progression in early tracking. In Americanism we have achieved 220 points or 37.5% of the necessary points needed.
- DAR: On behalf of Jill Wright, Compatriot Wright informed the group there is no set Library day set for the DAR. It should be noted Mary Penrose DAR Registrar/Genealogist Jill Wright is still actively meeting individuals at various venues including the library for genealogy research.
- CAR: no update

Old Business

- Compatriot Hamilton reported final 2020 Budget results. Compatriot Hamilton then discussed the new 2021/2022 Chapter Budget. The new budget runs 04/01/2021 thru 03/30/2022. The new Budget was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the members present. (see attachment)
- Compatriot Wright discussed providing an unrestricted donation to the INSSAR. A recommendation was made to provide a \$1,000 donation via a line item in the 2021 Budget to the Indiana State Society. The donation would be an unrestricted donation for whatever purpose the State Society deemed necessary. President Jones then recommended a motion for a line item of \$0.00 to be added in the expenses of the 2021/2022 Budget and an exact donation could be decided quarterly or at the annual period. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote of the members present.

- Compatriot Vasher discussed the 2020 tax reporting status. He informed members that all state and federal tax obligations have been met.
- Compatriot Vasher then followed up on the 2020 Membership drive. At last count, the chapter had around 75 paid members with over 90% retention rate for the 2021 rolls, which was the Chapter's highest retention rate in several years.

New Business:

- Compatriot Hamilton discussed his involvement with other lineage societies and how he personally had seen younger generations involved with those groups. He is actively looking at a means of engaging younger generations like Millennials and Generation X into the SAR.
- Compatriot Barnhart proposed a change to the Constitution. He recommended adding new Sections 5 and 6 to Article IV of the Constitution. Section V includes adding past Chapter Presidents on the Executive Board. Section VI specifically states Past Presidents will be considered non-voting members acting in an advisory capacity role with no voting power. Compatriot King then issued a point of order before the motion could be accepted stating the measure must be discussed one meeting prior to voting on the measure. It was agreed the measure would be voted on in the June Chapter meeting. (see attachment)
- Compatriot King briefly discussed minor omissions that were left out of the last By-Law Changes approved at the December 2020 meeting.
 - Article 10-Section 2-Notice of a proposed change in dues is to be made at least thirty days in advance of the meeting where action is to be taken.
 - Article 10-Section 4- Specifically State *Secretary* was added when considering a "Request for Waiver of State Society Dues" form.
 - Article 10-Section 6-This is an entirely new Section that was omitted. The Chapter Secretary may waive the Chapter dues of any active member of the military deployed for overseas duty. The By-Law amendments were approved by unanimous voice vote of the members present.
- Compatriot King briefly discussed amending By-Law XI Section II. Specifically, the wording "When officially adopted by *membership by a simple majority vote of the membership in attendance*" The simple majority vote is in reference to the annual budget for a new fiscal year when voted on by Chapter members. The motion was accepted by unanimous voice vote of the members present.
- Vice-President King finally discussed a proposal to amend the By-laws of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter by adding a new Section IV of Article V. The By-Law essentially allows the Chapter to conduct virtual meetings and virtual voting. The measure was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Compatriot King had no further updates about the new Chapter Website discussed earlier and provided to Chapter members earlier in the week by email.
- Secretary Vasher briefly discussed the schedule of upcoming events. Compatriot Sharp then mentioned he is looking to set a date for the Central District annual meeting that would be held virtually. Compatriot King also mentioned that he is looking at means of live streaming future events via Zoom etc.

Upcoming Events:

- Chapter Meeting Dates:
 - Executive Committee: May 22, 2021 (Zoom 10:00AM)
 - Chapter Meeting: June 19, 2021 in Fort Wayne, IN
 - Executive Committee: August 21, 2021 (Zoom 10:00AM)
 - Chapter Meeting: September 18, 2021 in Fort Wayne, IN
 - Executive Committee: November 13, 2021 (Zoom 10:00AM)
 - Chapter Meeting: December 4, 2021 in Fort Wayne, IN
- Other upcoming events:
 - April 17, 2021: State HOD in Carmel.
 - May TBD, 2021: Central District Annual Meeting (virtually)
 - May 14 - 16, 2021: DAR State Congress
 - May 29, 2021: National George Rogers Clark Commemoration in Vincennes (**cancelled**)
- Vice-President King led the group in reciting SAR Recessional after which the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM