

# **ST. LUCIE RIVER CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

## **MARCH 17, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Vice President Charles Berger at Manero's, Palm City.

SAR members present were: Chuck Berger, (Vice President and acting as President due to the passing of President Charles McKinley), Chris Wade, John Auld, Bob Hess, Steve Laster, Gary Miles, Colonel Matt Saxton, Gary Bell, George Bartley, Joe Regan, Robert Eisenhardt, Robert Beasley.....

A minute of silence was held to express our thanks for Charles McKinley's service to the SAR and our nation.

VP Berger read notes of correspondence: Food Bank thanked SAR for 142 pounds of donations at Christmas; Gold Star Mother Karen Zook thanked SAR for our contributions and participation at Wreaths Across America in December.

Registrar Steve Lester announced that we have 99 members, with 2 pending at national, and 7 in the pipeline.

Steve Trollinger was accepted as a transfer from Arkansas.

VP Berger noted that 3 members participated as judges in the County History Fair. SAR awarded 4 certificates with checks of \$25 each to the winners.

VP Berger proposed our chapter send \$50 to SAR National to support purchasing of battle sites. Moved, seconded and approved by voice vote.

Colonel Matt Saxton was called upon to provide a summary of his recent visit to Boston and sites of various Revolutionary War actions. As a high school history teacher, Matt gather eyes on info to use in his history classes and highlighted for SAR members places to visit in the Boston area.

(NOTE: The speaker scheduled had a family emergency and was unable to attend. With 15 minutes notice, Matt made an excellent presentation.)

We encourage all SAR members to have a brief story, or speech, or ancestor story, ready to go at any time and any place. Our duty is to remember the Revolutionary War, our ancestors, and pass this on.

VP Berger called on Past President John Auld to present the Nomination Committee's recommendations for officers for 2018. Members present by voice vote approved the nominations. There were no nominations from the floor. List on NEXT PAGE.

Many thanks to Jim Linn for stepping up to the Treasurer office due to Chris Wade's retirement after 6 years of service. Jim has experience as FBI agent, school & church finance manager, and HOA treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

John Auld

Chapter Secretary

Our Constitution states that the most recent Past President, John Auld, convene the Nominating Committee. This group consisted of Robert Beasley, Joe Regan, and Robert Bonvie, with input from current and past officers. By unanimous vote the following members were NOMINATED by the membership present.

**President: Charles Berger**  
**First VP: Robert Beasley SR.**  
**Second VP: Matthew Saxton**  
**Treasurer: James Linn**  
**Secretary: John Auld**  
**Member at large: Hall Riediger**  
**Member at large: Robert Bonvie**

At our next meeting April 14, the President will call for nominations from the floor. Then the President will hold the election of officers whose terms run 2 years until May 2020.

At our May meeting, the new officers are sworn in, typically by a State SAR officer. Fortunately, Hall Riediger is State Secretary and can handle this task.

The President makes all Committee assignments, per Constitution. The committee also suggests that the President consider appointing Robert Bonvie as Sergeant at Arms, Robert Laster as Registrar, and Matthew Saxton as Color Guard and Historian.

**NOTES ON UP COMING CHAPTER MEETINGS:**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, AT MANERO'S RESTAURANT, PALM CITY. 1130 OPEN. MEETING AT NOON.**

**SATURDAY MAY 12. NOON. VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK, PORT ST. LUCIE. BBQ COOK OUT.**

**SEPTEMBER 15: JOINT DAR & SAR MEETING IN MARTIN DOWNS. DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**Sent: 3.20.2018**