

Texas SAR Arlington Chapter B.O.M. – Meeting Minutes January 16, 2021

The January B.O.M. meeting was held via Zoom.com commencing at 1:00 P.M. Call-in instructions as well as a link for ZOOM were provided along with our meeting announcement by Compatriot John Anderson.

- President Pope called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.
- Nominating Committee: Chapter Officers are elected for a one year term, but are encouraged to serve a 2nd term if they desire and conditions permit. The officers presently serving were elected in 2020 and with a couple of exceptions have agreed to accept a nomination for a 2nd year. The Nominating Committee will nominate a member to fill the office if the present officer will not continue next year. The nominating committee will present the recommended officer nominations to the Chapter for Voting in February. The floor will also be open for additional nominations. The election will of officers will then be held. Officers will be inducted in March. The following is a list of offices and the Committee Recommendations:
 - President – Bob Pope is willing to continue and is nominated for a another term
 - Chaplain – Bob Wehr is willing to continue and is nominated for a another term
 - Sergeant-of-Arms – Dan Hamilton is willing to continue and is nominated for a another term
 - Vice President – nomination required, Bill Covington accepted nomination
 - Secretary – David Friels will continue if nominated and elected
 - Registrar – John Anderson is serving as acting registrar until the Committee enlists a replacement
 - Treasurer – nomination required, Richard Coffey accepted the nomination
 - Historian – nomination required, Bill Covington accepted the nomination
- Committees
 - Color Guard Commander – As Sergeant-of-Arms and an active Color Guard Member, Dan Hamilton will serve as Color Guard Commander consistent with the Bylaws.
- Chapter Constitution and Bylaws
 - The Chapter Constitution & Bylaws should be reviewed and updated to be consistent with present Chapter size and operations. The President shall appoint a Temporary Committee Chair.
 - The Bylaws designate that the Registrar shall be Chairman of the Membership Committee. Considering all responsibilities of Membership Chairman and the Chapter's growth it appears that as part of the Bylaws review consideration should be given to making the Membership Committee a stand-alone committee with a separate Chairman. As with other Committee Chairman, the Chapter Membership Committee Chair will be appointed by the President.
- February Program - Medal of Honor Museum relocating to Arlington – Should we invite other neighboring SAR Chapters and any TXSSAR officers to attend? Since it will be via ZOOM attendance is not really limited. It was concluded that Compatriot Anderson would invite the following on behalf of our Chapter President:
 - Ft. Worth SAR Chapter
 - Dallas SAR Chapter
 - Plano SAR Chapter
 - E. Fork Trinity SAR Chapter
 - TXSSAR Pres. Drake Peddie
 - Other individuals and organizations he considers appropriate

- Chapter Youth Awards – prize & certificate Annual entries for the Knight Essay and C.A.R. Essay contests are most likely, but we could also have Brochure, Poster, Oration, and Eagle Scout Essay entries. To promote participation the Board recommends the Chapter winner for each of the contests be given at least the following monetary award along with a Certificate as follows:
 - Knight Essay High School, \$50
 - C.A.R. Essay High School, \$50
 - Oration High School, \$50
 - Eagle Scout Essay Jr or High School , \$50
 - Poster Elem School, \$25
 - Brochure Elem School, \$25
- Membership contributions for additional awards to winners should be encouraged.
- Contest Winner as well as all participants should receive a certificate of appreciation.
- The President should coordinate with the C.A.R. Presidents (Sr. Leaders) for the 3 Forks of Trinity and Spirit of '76 Chapters to invite C.A.R. members to attend and participate in at least one of our Chapter Meetings each year. C.A.R. participation may include: leading the pledges, talking about their projects and activities, etc. Additionally, it would be a good chance for them to sell their pins. It would also be a good time for the Chapter to “pass the hat” for support of the participating C.A.R. Chapter(s).
- At each meeting take a show of hands of attendees that have been vaccinated twice for use as a guide when in-person meetings will be practicable and safe.
- Plan some kind of chapter recognition to outgoing Color Guard commander, Jerry Cope. Dan Hamilton will take the lead.

Attendance: 9 Chapter members

Respectfully Submitted,
David Friels, Secretary

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