

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Hill Country Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution _12 February
2020**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. Board members attending the meeting were Tom Carswell, Bill Sole, Winston Scott, Gerald Irion, Bob Swartz and Al Gibson.

PRESIDENT – Bill Sole ,acting for President Bob Smith, presented his agenda for the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 1:30.

TREASURY – Bill Sole reported that at the meeting on 11 February 2020 we took in \$276 for meals and \$45.00 for the Vet fund. We paid \$288 for 24 meals. The balance in our account is \$13,427.44 of which \$1577.00 is for the Veterans Fund.

Fund balance for the Bob Davis Memorial is \$50.00

Minutes of the last meeting – No action taken.

MEDIA nothing to report

AWARDS-2018 –nothing to report

Membership – Gerald Irion presented a report on membership and the status of new applications for membership. Fifteen applications have been received and are in various stages of development prior to submission to the state registrar. Two members have had their applications submitted to State. A significant number of members were reported as not paying their dues for 2020. Gerald asked for help in resolving this issue. He will

provide a list of members dropped from the membership because of nonpayment of dues and officers will contact those that they know.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Bill Sole reported that he and President Bob Smith visited the VA facility and reviewed the plans for the Snoezelen room. Bob and Bill approved the Snoezelen room upgrades. The funds were approved by the officers for the upgrades during the Officers meeting.

During the discussion with the VA, several Snoezelen upgrades were identified that would require significant funding by the Hill Country Chapter. This level of commitment by the chapter would require better funding than is now provided by the volunteer Veterans Fund.

A request for additional funding will be taken to the general membership at the next general meeting in March.

Old Business-

Nothing to report

NEW BUSSINESS

- The effort to present a five minute talk at the start of the meetings on member's ancestors identified two presenters. The first was Kevin Pickard who made his presentation at the January meeting and Winston Scott at the February meeting. Each was well received. Mike Andrus has volunteered to present at the March meeting.

- Tom Carswell presented a list of potential speakers which included:

- Frank Boyington – Golfer
- Sam Smith – French legion of merit medal
- Clifton Fifer – Buffalo Solder
- Norm Wells- Vietnam campaign
- Joshua Brown - TBD

There is a list of potential speakers on the TXSSAR web site. The problem is that they all live a large distance from Kerrville. The board agreed to provide travel expense reimbursement ,when required, to get a valuable speaker for our meetings.

All candidates were approved by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

