

**WESTERN RESERVE SOCIETY
SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Minutes February 7, 2023**

Present In-person: Hoon, Ross, Horner, Stanley, Kertes, Smith

Present via-zoom: Arnold, Franklin, Rezie, Stickney, Watkins

Excused: Minier, Shanklin, Shemory, West

Call to Order: President Zachary Hoon - noon

Pledge: Hoon

Invocation: Horner

Quorum: Yes

Minutes from the December 6, 2022 Board Meeting: **MOTION** to approve minutes by Ross, 2nd Kertes. Passed without objection.

President's remarks:

Objectives for the year -

- Engagement - task committees with welcoming and engaging members; make it easier for members to participate.
- Recognition - there are numerous awards that could be bestowed by WRSSAR.
- Awareness - take advantage of the beginning of the 250th celebrations this year; partner with local universities and historical societies.

Board Schedule for 2023 -

- Feb. 7, Apr. 4, Oct. 3 & Dec. 5 - hybrid meetings at noon
- Jun. 6 & Aug. 1 - Zoom only meetings at 7:00 pm

OHSSAR Winter BOM Report -

- Hoon - discussion of monument to Anthony Wayne and closer ties to DAR
- Ross - state oration competition in Columbus in April.

Color Guard -

- Hoon will continue to participate in color guard activities while president. He inquired whether there were any members who would like to help with photos.

Treasurer's Report: Horner distributed a comprehensive Report which included a (i) summary of 2022 (planned vs. actual) income and expenses and (ii) list of all transactions in the year 2022, as well as the year 2023 through February 6. A current Dollar Bank bank balance and screen shot were included to confirm his numbers match the bank's numbers. The Dollar Bank reconciled checking balance was \$11,826.31, adding \$200 in petty cash the total of all money controlled by the Treasurer came to \$12,026.31. The total included three life fund amounts which will be refunded to members: Thomas Bilig - \$750.70, Joseph Bilig - \$815.70 and Michael Bennett - \$878.95.

Operations Committee Reports:

Consolidated Funds - Watkins - end December, 2022: \$537,720. End January, 2023: \$563,986. Approximately 30% of the funds is cash.

Awards - Hoon - Minier continues as chairman, but replacement sought.

Programs Committee Reports:

Washington's Birthday Luncheon - to be held Saturday, February 18 at the Shaker Heights Country Club. Horner took a roll of which Board members were planning to attend. Hoon reported having invited state officers, as well as presidents of nearby chapters.

Member Services Committee Reports:

Membership Committee - Rezie reported 41 were dropped for non-payment of dues; there were no reinstatements. Rezie will send names of those dropped over the last five years to Horner for 'we want you back' letters. Total memberships stands at 392.

Communications Committee Reports:

Webpage - Horner reported a re-vamped webpage with much more information and an RSVP for events. He also placed advertisements in the 'Hamilton' playbill and in 'Parent' magazine.

Community Outreach Committee Reports:

Color Guard - Franklin reported an upcoming student award event at Hudson City Hall on February 12 and the WRSSAR Washington Birthday luncheon at the Shaker Heights Country Club on February 18.

Veteran's Affairs - Ross reported that a roster of WRSSAR members who are veterans is being worked on. Wreaths were laid at several graves. Sea cadet awards were granted. We are working to re-establish relations with ROTC.

The Board discussed combining several committees. **MOTION** by Ross, Kertes 2nd: that the ROTC Committee be dissolved and that it be rolled into a combined committee of veterans and student affairs to form a Veteran's Affairs/ROTC Committee. The motion passed without objection.

Student Outreach Committee Reports:

Americanism - Ross spoke about the national SAR's awards (e.g. flag, color guard, graves). Be pro-active in reporting our events through

OHSSAR.

Youth Outreach - Horner reported that 2023 is a year to build. Advertisements have been placed in locations where parents can see them. On March 4 Hoon will present youth awards at the Region 3 Ohio History Day in University Circle. On March 29 WRSSAR will hold its oration contest at the Union Club. Horner discussed concerns over calculations for youth prize money in the event of a tie for second place or third place. **MOTION** by Horner, Kertes 2nd that, where there is a tie for a youth award, the amount of money for that level of award be replicated among those youth at that level. The motion passed without objection.

Scouting - Watkins reported that we received third place in OHSSAR. This year's Eagle Scout will be invited to a future meeting.

Old Business: none.

New Business: The Board discussed adding a second Second Vice President to create Co-Second Vice Presidents. **MOTION** by Horner, Hoon 2nd, to add John Kittredge as Co-Second Vice President. The motion passed without objection.

Benediction: Horner.

Adjournment: 1:39 p.m.

Next Meeting April 4, 2023 noon (Union Club/Zoom)