

WESTERN RESERVE SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BOARD MEETING

April 2, 2024
Minutes

Present in Person at Union Club: Hoon, Kertes, Palo, Ross, Smith.

Present by Zoom: Havlovic, Rezie, Walker, Watkins.

Start time: noon

Stop time: 1:45 pm

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance: Hoon.

Invocation: Hoon.

Quorum: Hoon confirmed.

Minutes of February 5, 2024 minutes: On **MOTION** by Ross, seconded by Kertes, the February minutes were approved, as submitted.

New Business - Hoon reported on the updating of the address of Rezie as Statutory Agent. Horner has received the form from Rezie, approved it and will forward it to the Ohio Secretary of State. Ross asked Rezie what typically he, as Statutory Agent, receives. Rezie responded that typically he does not receive anything, except update requests.

Registrar's Report - Rezie reported 10 non-renewals, 5 of whom have been reinstated.

President's remarks: Hoon.

- Attended the Ohio Board of Managers Meeting February 9 and 10 in Marietta. Discussions included the National Congress which will be held in Ohio in 2028. Kertes spoke about financing for the National Congress. Some Ohio funds may be granted as "seed money" to open a checking account for the Congress. There is no impact on WRSSAR funds.
- Also at the Ohio Board of Managers Meeting, the slate of Ohio officers was announced: Steve Kaplan for President, David Lupien for First Vice President, and Douglas Pettit for Second Vice President. The slate will be presented at the Ohio Annual Meeting in Granville, Ohio, May 3 - 5. Hoon looked for member of our Board to be present for that meeting. Havlovic volunteered to attend.
- We timely submitted our application for Distinguished Chapter and for the Americanism score sheet.
- On February 11 our Color Guard presented the colors at the Hudson Youth Awards.
- On February 17 we held our annual Washington's Birthday celebration which was successful and well-attended.
- On March 2 Hoon attended the Region 3 Ohio History Day at the Cleveland History Center. We awarded a \$200 first prize to a Junior Website about the marquis de Lafayette and a \$150 second prize to another Junior Website about Thaddeus Kosciuszko. WRSSAR has been awarding prizes there since 2001.

- On March 8 Hoon attended the National Council for History Education where he manned a booth for the National Society SAR.
- On March 22 Hoon attended a memorial service for John Applegate.
- Lakeview Cemetery has contacted Hoon about placing flags on veteran graves during the Memorial Day weekend. He will sign up for two slots, one on a weekday and one a weekend
- On April 8 the Color Guard will be presenting the colors at the Akron DAR/SAR meeting.

First Thursdays - Smith reported on the success of First Thursdays. The April meeting will be held at Hail Mary's in Westlake. Havlovic is looking for a co-host for an east side event in June. Havlovic is also working on assembling a list of our patriot ancestors' regiments and battles so that members will see whether other members' ancestors may have served together.

Consolidated Funds Update: Watkins reported that, as of the end of February, the value of the portfolio was \$609,673. Today the value is \$627,489. For the last four months the value has increased by 18.4%. Almost \$115,000 of our portfolio is in cash/CDs.

Knight Essay and Eagle Scout awards: Watkins reported both our essay entry and our Eagle Scout entry each placed first in the state. They plan to attend the state meeting in Granville. Watkins also reported that he is working on the July 4 Gates Mills essay contest.

Veteran's Committee - Ross presented an extensive report on activities.

New Business:

- Other than the report about the change of address for Rezie, there is no other new business

Benediction: Hoon.