

WESTERN RESERVE SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2024

Minutes

Present by Zoom: Hoon, Arnold, Havlovic, Kertes, Kittredge, Palo, Ross, Shemory, Smith, Stanley, Watkins.

Start time: 7:00 pm

Stop time: 8:00 pm

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance: Hoon.

Invocation: Hoon.

Quorum: Hoon confirmed.

Minutes of April 2 Board Meeting: The April minutes were approved, as submitted.

President's remarks:

- Hoon reported that the First Thursday events re-started on April 4. He thanked both Smith and Havlovic for their work on these events. On April 6, Hoon led the Color Guard at the Akron DAR/SAR Community Awards Program. Galen Swab, Troy Bailey, Steve Bailey, Steve Hinson and Mark Tyler were also in attendance. On April 28, Hoon joined the Northeastern Ohio Chapter Color Guard at the Chardon Maple Festival. On May 2, Hoon attended the First Thursday event at Merwin's Wharf. May 4th was the OHSSAR Annual Meeting in Granville which was attended by Havlovic in his stead. On May 23, Hoon joined Bob Shemory, John Darst and Herb and Catalina Wagers at Lake View Cemetery to place flags on the graves of veterans. On May 25, Hoon returned with his wife Jayne, and Ron and Izabella Brough, to honor more veterans. Our Color Guard presented the colors and Hoon presented a wreath at the Lake View Cemetery Memorial Day Program. Galen Swab, Stan Thomas, Mathew Smith, Mark Tyler and Zack Hoon were the Color Guard contingent at Lake View. On June 1, Havlovic again filled in for Hoon; this time, it was to present a Bronze Good Citizen Medal and Certificate at the Sea Cadet graduation ceremony on the USS Cod. On June 6, Hoon joined 13 others for First Thursday at Sapphire Creek Winery in Chagrin Falls. The July First Thursday will be held at GalleryPlus in Cleveland.
- In addition to the foregoing events, Hoon produced a newly formatted, email version of our newsletter, The Circular. He plans to produce another edition this week. Hoon also reported that Lee MacBride has officially moved to Savannah, after turning in his Color Guard uniform.

First Vice President's remarks:

- Smith added to President Hoon's remarks about First Thursdays; they are truly turning out to be a success. Smith unearthed a book entitled Buried Beneath Cleveland: Lost Cemeteries of Cuyahoga County, which provides an interesting story about early graves, including graves of Revolutionary War soldiers. Smith is developing ideas for Washington's Birthday by speaking to the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Second Vice President's remarks:

- Havlovic attended the business meeting of the Ohio Society where the 2028 Congress was discussed. Notably, to help cover expenses for the Congress, John Atlee Horner, III announced a \$20,000 family gift in honor of his late father John Atlee Horner, Jr. The Orations Contest, run by Compatriot Horner, featured excellent presentations by young students. First places in the Knight Essay Contest and King Scout Award Contest went to students from the Western Reserve. Second place in the Brochure Contest was awarded to a student from the Western Reserve. The WRSSAR received the Distinguished Chapter Award and a Distinguished Award for Patriot Grave Markings. Havlovic attended the USN Sea Cadet Corp graduation ceremony on the USS Cod where he presented a Sea Cadet with the SAR Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate. He also thanked Compatriot Stanley for organizing the June First Thursday at the Sapphire Creek Winery in Chagrin Falls.

Treasurer's Report:

- Horner will send the information later.

Registrar's Report:

- Several deaths of members amount to the only changes since the last report. Will a new directory be published? Hoon will ask Horner whether there are any plans for a directory; oftentimes, we publish one annually.

Consolidated Funds Update:

- Watkins reported the value of the portfolio was \$628,062 of which some \$163,000 was cash.

Knight Essay and Eagle Scout awards:

- Watkins reported on the winners of both our essay contest and our Eagle Scout Award.

Veteran's Committee

- Ross presented an extensive report on activities, including the Youth Sea Cadet Award, the ROTC Award and the JROTC Award. He is planning to attend the activities at Fort Laurens on July 29. For Veterans Day Ross is planning on a speaker from the Veterans Hospital.

New Business:

- None.

Old Business:

- None.

Benediction: Hoon.