



National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter SAR

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Minutes of December 6, 2008 meeting held at the Cappuccino's Restaurant, Red Hook, NY

The Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter meeting was held December 6, 2008, at the Cappuccino Restaurant in Red Hook, NY. Seventeen SAR members, four DAR members, eleven spouses and/or guests and six future SAR members attended the meeting for a total of thirty-eight.

Call to Order 11:10 AM – President Rodney Andrews

Invocation In the absence of Chapter Chaplain Robert French, Vice President Bud Weaver gave the invocation. We took a moment of silence for the men and women of the Armed Services and our deceased Chapter members.

Pledge of Allegiance Secretary/Treasurer Alan Coon

SAR Pledge Past President John Helmeyer

President Rod Andrews announced that this is the best turnout for a meeting in a long time. Having 17 Chapter members must be a record. A well deserved round of applause was given to ourselves.

Introduction of DAR Members

President Andrews introduced Pat Coon, Chancellor Livingston DAR Chapter, Rhinebeck, NY, Janet Loop, Member at Large, Mary Murphy and Phyllis Nichols of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter.

Acknowledgements of Guests

Mary Ann Andrews, Carla Borum, Wendy Bowen, Donna Bristol, Mary Kaye Dolan, Irene Gage, Anita Hadley, Bea Helmeyer, Judy Middlebrook, Helen Seymour and Irene Silvernail.

Introduction of Future SAR Members

Elliott Bristol, Walter Davidson, George Luse, Eric Roth, William Seymour and David Silvernail.

Presentation of Certificate to a new "SAR Member" to our Chapter

James Hadley was presented his SAR Certificate by President Rod Andrews

Guest Speaker

Eric J. Roth, Director of the National Historical Landmark of the Huguenot Street in New Paltz, described the trials, tribulations and the persecution that the Huguenots suffered in many countries in Europe in the 1500 -1600's. Hoping to find a land free from persecution, the Huguenots came to the new world in the early 1600's and finally bought 40,000 acres along the Wallkill River in the Hudson Valley. Mr. Roth continued to describe their progress through the years including their beliefs and contribution to the American Revolution War. He explained that in the Ulster County, the Huguenots were mostly all loyalists but in other Huguenot settlements in the state, there were quite a few that were Tories. He then brought us up to the present status of the Huguenot Street and briefly

talked about the buildings, the research library and other events. The Chapter gave Eric a very gracious round of applause. The Huguenot web site is - www.huguenotstreet.org for additional information.

Door Prizes of a new Andrew Jackson Presidential Dollar were each won by Eric Roth and Wendy Bowen.

Awards, Pins & Certificates –

20 years of SAR service pins & certificates were presented to Richard Wambach and Wylie Borum and 35 years of SAR service pin & certificate were presented to Earl Mack. Earl is a dual member from the Stony Point Chapter.

Officers Reports

Secretary Report Secretary - Alan Coon offered to read the minutes of the August meeting but everyone agreed to forgo it.

*** *President Andrews reported that a typing error was made on the August 23rd involving when the Robert Jenkins House was turned over to the Hendrick Hudson Chapter NSDAR. The actual date was May 15, 1900 not Sept. 15, 1990. The official copy was corrected and inserted in the Chapter's 2008 log book.*

Alan announced that 38 members have paid their 2009 membership dues and we have 12 left for 100%. There was a slight different procedure this year when the membership due form was mailed from ESSSAR because there was no "Membership Card" attached, therefore a separate mailing of the cards will be done in the very near future. All attending members were given their membership card at the meeting. Several other members took additional membership cards for other members living near the attendees thus reducing the postage cost of the total Chapter.

Treasurer Report - Treasurer Alan Coon reported:

- **Balance** As of August 19, 2008 **\$1927.68**
- **Deposits** - dues, lunch money donations (\$98.35) and deposits **\$2399.35**
- **Subtotal** **\$4,294.03**
- **Expenses**

Check for Pegasus Restaurant for luncheon on August 23 rd	\$375.00
Postage.	\$20.16
ESSSAR dues	\$1015.00
Postage, misc. expenses for Rod Andrews.	<u>\$53.35</u>

Total expenses were **\$1778.51**

- **Balance** as of December 4, 2008. **\$2515.52**

After the luncheon, the bill of \$532.00 was paid to Cappuccino's Restaurant. Bringing the balance down to >>>>>> **\$1983.52**

10 - 12 members who still owe dues which will bring an additional \$120.00, bring the total to approx >>>>>>>>>> **\$2100.00**

- Financial Review Committee Bud Weaver. Richard Wambach and Alan Coon met earlier this month to plan for the 2009 Chapter budget. Mr. Wambach presented slides of the 2009 Operating Budget (see attachments or hard copies). A motion was made by James Hadley to accept the Secretary's, Treasurer's and Financial Review. Wylie Borum seconded the motion and motion was passed.
- Registrar Donald Schiro reported that at present there are six applications in the process for ESSSAR approval. Several more applicants are working on their applications. President Andrews complimented Donald on the super job he has been doing the last two years, especially since this year has been the busiest year in many, many years. A round of applause was given Donald by the group.
- Election Committee – Donald Schiro reported that the 2009-2010 (2 years) will be emailed or hard copy to Chapter members late January and to be returned by February 28th. Newly elected officers will take over responsibilities at the first Chapter meeting which has been scheduled for April 4, 2009 at the Pegasus Restaurant in Cocksackie. Any Chapter member wishing to run for office, please notify Don. Donald further stated that he could use some help on the election committee.

Committees Reports

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At this time Rod Andrews, with the assistance of Richard Wambach and his Power Point, presented slides showing the Chapter growth since 2000 to present. (see attached or copies). Andrews explained that he personally talked to Chapter member, Charles Barnard and Mr. Barnard will be dropping his SAR membership in 2009. Andrews made a statement that Charles Nichols is the only original Chapter member still active but was corrected by Charles Nichols that Rodney Gage and Robert French also are original members since 1971. Having a Chapter roster with him, President Andrews verified that correction and apologized to the group.

Historian John Anderson reported no activity but urged members to pass on any information of historical interest to him.

The Eagle Scout Committee John Anderson reported that he has not received any Eagle Scout Essays for the contest.

George & Stella Knight Essay Contest Committee Chairperson Bill Shepherd absence so President Andrews reported that Bill and him seriously discussed sending emails to all 49 High Schools next year, saving addition postage. Seeing that our Chapter has received no essays in the past two or three years, this action is warranted.

Old Business

1. Copake Cemetery Ceremony - no report from Dottie Avery. Should be done in 2009
2. The Mills Mansion Committee (Eames Family Cemetery in Staatsburg) consisting of Bud Weaver, Alan Coon, and Tim and Andrew Middlebrook. Tim Middlebrook reported no progress at this time with the Boys Scouts but a strong desire by all members to complete the project in spring 2009.

New Business

1. The 2009 Chapter schedule and calendar was presented and reviewed from the slides (see attached or hard copies).
2. With the suggestion from Lloyd Loop, President Andrews told of the meeting with the Bronck House Museum staff in Coxsackie this past week. Our guest speaker at our spring meeting will be General Nathaniel Greene (Bob Hallock), a trusted general of George Washington. Greene County was named after him.
3. Discussed a tour at the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga but so far, only two members have shown any interest.
4. Unauthorized use of email addresses by Chapter members other than Chapter Officers or authorized personnel. Andrews told of many positive emails he received supporting that rule. Because everyone had prior knowledge of this situation, there were no further discussion from the floor. Everybody agreed and a motion was made and seconded to pass the rule.
5. Elliott Bristol's explained that he would like to have a dedication in 2009 in Canaan, NY for his ancestor, Eliphalet Bristol. Many details must be worked out with his two Cousins who are DAR members. He will get back to us.

Earl Mack asked for the floor and expressed how grateful he was for receiving his pin and certificate, it caught him by surprise. A round of applause was given to Earl.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be April 4 at the Pegasus Restaurant in Coxsackie.

SAR Recessional Rod Andrews

Meeting adjourned 1:30 PM

In Attendance SAR Members (17):

President Rod Andrews, Vice President Bud Weaver, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Alan Coon, John Anderson, Wylie Borum, Art Bowen II, Rodney Gage, James Hadley, John Helmeyer, Lloyd Loop, Jr., Earl Mack, Tim Middlebrook, Andrew Middlebrook, Matthew Murphy, Charles Nichols, Donald Schiro, and Richard Wambach.

DAR Members (4):

Pat Coon, Janet Loop, Mary Murphy and Phyllis Nichols.

Member Spouses (7):

Mary Ann Andrews, Carla Borum, Wendy Bowen, Irene Gage, Anita Hadley, Bea Helmeyer and Judy Middlebrook.

Future SAR Chapter Members (6):

Elliott Bristol, Walter Davidson, George Luse II, Eric Roth, William Seymour and David Silvernail.

Guests (4):

Donna Bristol, Mary Kaye Dolan, Helen Seymour and Irene Silvernail.

Respectfully submitted,
Rodney S. Andrews, President