

Florida Society of Sons of the American Revolution

MINUTES

Winter Board of Management Meeting January 17-18, 2003 Maitland

The meeting was called to order by President Hodalski. The invocation by Chaplain Miller was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR. The National Officers were introduced: President General Carl Hoffman, Registrar General Richard Friberg, Vice President General Phillip Carr and National Trustee John Carter. These introductions were followed by those of the first time attendees; ie., Compatriots: John L. Little and Robert Murray, Central Florida chapter.

A quorum was certified by Secretary Wilson. It was then moved that the minutes for the Fall BOM be approved. The motion **passed**.

Reports by the National Officers were called. Registrar General Friberg reported on the activities of the Ladies of the Library. They have collected and sold books to raise funds for the new NSSAR library and already have contributed \$15,000.00. Their goal is to raise \$25,000.00.

President General Hoffman reported that President General Arthur King reached his 100th birthday on November 12th 2002. He further related that Compatriot King has contributed many hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Sons of the American Revolution and its programs. Compatriot Coleman recommended that Compatriot Hoffman move that we send birthday greetings to Mr. King. This motion was moved and **passed**.

Further reports by the National Officers can be found in the Quarterly Reports. Those for the State Officers and the FLSSAR Committee Chairmen also are found there. Information supplemental to these reports follows.

President Hodalski amended his report to compliment the Gainesville chapter on their (fund raising) Heritage Day shoots. He then reported that he and SW Regional VP Lancaster had joined Saramana President Bailey to visit and install new member John Argeros at his home. Compatriot Argeros was seriously ill at the time and appreciated the consideration. He passed away soon after the visit.

Secretary Wilson reported that our membership now stands at 1561 Compatriots. On the other hand, Treasurer Holyfield happily indicated that we ended the 2002 year with a \$2000.00 surplus. He predicted that we should be able to maintain next year's budget at about this same level.

Patriot Editor Fowler indicated that he had prepared packets of the Patriot for each of the chapters. The reason for doing so is to permit placement of these copies in as many libraries around Florida as is possible.

The Executive Committee met during the afternoon (just prior to the BOM). President Hodalski reported that 1) the budget submitted by Treasurer Holyfield had been approved, 2) at the behest of President General Rice Aston, he was establishing a committee made up of the FLSSAR Vice

Presidents to serve as a conduit for information between our Society (and its members) and NSSAR relative to the new National Center, 3) the Planning/Procedures Manual committee had been disbanded for the present but that a group headed by Compatriot Bauchspies would continue to work on the manual on an informal basis and 4) the Saramana chapter should receive (as requested) payments for two of its additional programs. Confirmation of this approval was then moved. The motion **passed**.

President Hodalski also announced that the St. Lucie River chapter has developed a fund raising program which they are willing to share with other chapters. They have created a CD ROM presenting information about all 51 of the flags associated with the American Revolution. They will make these CD's available to the chapters for resale.

Nominating Committee Chairman John Carter reported on the officer nominees for the 2003-4 year. A listing follows.

OFFICE

PRESIDENT
 SR. VICE PRESIDENT
 NORTHEAST REG. V.P.
 NORTHCENTRAL REG. V.P.
 NORTHWEST REG. V.P.
 EASTCENTRAL REG. V.P.
 WESTCENTRAL REG. V.P.
 SOUTHEAST REG. V.P.
 SOUTHWEST REG. V.P.
 SECRETARY
 RECORDING SECRETARY
 TREASURER
 MBR. EX. COMM. AT LARGE
 REGISTRAR
 CHANCELLOR
 GENEALOGIST
 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
 CHAPLAIN
 HISTORIAN
 PARLIAMENTARIAN
 EDITOR, "FLORIDA PATRIOT"

NOMINEE

LAUREN R. BRADLEY
 HAROLD F. MILLER
 ALBERT C. LITTLE
 HARRY HOLLIEN
 EDWARD D. YOUNG
 DOUGLAS H. NORTH
 JAMES R. ARMITAGE
 SAUL M. MONTES-BRADLEY
 BASIL LANCASTER
 KEVIN A. YARNELL
 ROBERT D. DANNEMAN
 JAMES R. HOLYFIELD
 JOHN H. CARTER
 WILLIAM R. STEVENSON
 CARL K. HOFFMAN
 ALVIE L. DAVIDSON
 THOMAS F. CARTER
 JOHN H. CARTER
 PHILIP E. BALLOU
 ROLLIN L. "BUD" BAUCHSPIES JR.
 RICHARD Q. FOWLER

The Education Committee reported that it now has been able to set up a multiphase program as follows: 1) Assessment of the teaching of History in certain public schools by having committee members (in uniform) award the certificates for Good Citizenship, 2) Development of a program

wherein Florida Legislators are requested to reverse the trend of dissolution of courses in History in the schools, 3) Active assessment of history textbooks and 4) Evaluation of University-level History courses via the internet.

ROTC Chairman Cahoon discussed changes the JROTC program and awards. He indicated that, last year, only six chapters nominated cadets for the FLSSAR level competition and two of them did not have proper qualifications. Accordingly, he has sent all chapters complete sets of instructions in the hope that a greater number of them will nominate contestants this year. He also reported that our fund raising efforts (designed to assist in raising the awards at the National level) has far exceeded the expected goals. Donations have already exceeded the \$1000.00 level.

Society Genealogist Davidson reported on a (potential) future problem in obtaining public records for our use; one that may result from the activities of a committee appointed by the Florida Legislature. While their concerns are manifold (identify theft is an example), the recommendations they are making appear sensible and should not hamper our genealogical research. However, he fears that the laws ultimately passed will be abused at the local level (and to our detriment). He can e-mail copies of the cited committee's recommendations to any Compatriot who contacts him. It was then moved that Compatriot Davidson prepare a letter to this committee for President Hodalski's signature. This letter is to reaffirm the need of FLSSAR's members to have free access to public records appropriate to their research. The motion **passed**.

Compatriot Coleman reminded the membership of the existence of the "365 Club". "A penny a day for a year's membership - or a 10 year membership for 10 cents a day - or a dollar a day for a lifetime membership". The money collected is important as a support of our programs.

Charles Bragg, NSSAR Membership chairman was then introduced. He talked about the Center for the Advancing of America's Heritage. NSSAR has a number of outstanding collections: included are those of George Rogers Clark, Marquis de Lafayette and George Washington plus our premier collection of Revolutionary War newspapers. But there is a problem. NSSAR does not have appropriate sites for them. Thus, our need for a new library. He then provided the BOM with explanations and materials — including pledge cards — as to how the project would be developed/built. Subsequently, he "talked money" as the funding campaign is now in progress. The funds will be sourced from foundations, the state societies, the chapters, and SAR Compatriots. At present, about half of the initial \$3 million has been raised.

Compatriot Dannerman moved that we endorse Compatriot Bragg for 2003-4 Registrar General; a second was provided by Registrar Stevenson. The motion **passed**. Compatriot Carr then moved that FSSAR contribute \$500 to support "the candidate of our choice". However, the advertisement in question has already been purchased and Compatriot Bragg indicated that, if it is awarded, he will simply forward the money to the library fund. At that juncture, the motion was withdrawn as consideration of the use of funds for the NSSAR library is considered to be a separate issue.

Chaplain Miller conducted a memorial for our 21 departed Compatriots:

Joseph A. Tipton, Brevard, Norton McGiffin, Clearwater, Earnest L. Priestman, Clearwater, Budd H.S. Treloar, Daytona-Ormond Beach, Harry L. Murray Jr., Jacksonville, Conley S. Boothe, Jacksonville, Thomas Underwood, Lakeland, Herbert R. Gaylord, Miami, Robert W. Kolb, Naples, Frank M. Ellis, Naples, George M. Patterson, Ocala, John B. Argeros, Saramana, Clarence R. Hanna, Saramana, Col. Andrew Nicholls, Saramana, Chauncey L. Fish, Saramana, Charles Pumphrey, Tallahassee, Kirby S. Halbert, Tampa, Pierce Moore, Central Florida, Jefferson Davis Godard Sr., Treasure Coast, Robert E. Kohler, Treasure Coast, Francis C. Dean, Treasure Coast.

The BOM closed with the Benediction by Chaplain Miller and the Recessional by President Hodalski.