



Jeremiah Clark Chapter SAR
Chapter Meeting Minutes
August 2023



Meeting Date and Time:

Held Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 7pm
Buck Shots Bar & Grill

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by David Suzor at 7:06 PM

Present SAR members in good standing:

- David Suzor-President
- Mike Packard-Secretary/Registrar
- Ken Loudy-Registrar
- Richard Harkleroad-Member
- Grant Goulet-Public Relations
- David Decker-Historian
- David Walls-Treasurer

Guests

John Seldon – Applicant in Process
Wayne Mead – Applicant in Process
Jeff Pardee – Interested in applying, and wife Mary Pardee

Suzor called the meeting to Order at 7:04 pm.
Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Grant led the SAR Pledge.
Suzor introduced and welcomed guests in attendance at the meeting.

Meeting detail:

Reports

1. President - Suzor relayed the address for the Fifth Third Bank account has been changed that of the Secretary to match with organizational documents, which was needed for Benevity to register the Chapter properly to receive donations from them on behalf of Compatriot Ken. Mike is now a signer on the account in addition to Suzor. Dave Walls will now be added to the bank account as a signer in his capacity as Treasurer of the Chapter. It was reported the account has a balance of approximately \$160 at present. The Chapter unanimously approved Dave Walls as Chapter Treasurer.

President Suzor also detailed that the Chapter should form a committee to present a slate of officers for the 2024 year. The Committee would report a slate of officers at the November meeting. Officers would be elected at the December meeting and installed at the January meeting.

2. Secretary/Registrar - Mike and Registrar/Genealogist Ken discussed current applications in process and new inquiries. We anticipate an application to be submitted prior to the next meeting.

Mike reported the demise of Compatriot and Charter Member of the Chapter, Darrell Cooper. A note of condolence will be sent on behalf of the Chapter.

Mike moved and Decker 2nd to approve the Minutes of the July 18, 2023 Meeting and the same will be entered on the Chapter records.

Mike reported that the Chapter has been invited by the Sashabaw Plains DAR Chapter to participate in providing items and setting up a display with them at the Clarkston Independence District Library for Constitution Week September 17-23, 2023. The items we display with the Sashabaw Plains Chapter will be in the display case for the month of September. Chapter members were encouraged to coordinate with Mike if there are any items that can be provided for the display.

3. Public Relations – Grant reported on the Chapter having a Guidestar profile now due to the Chapter’s nonprofit status. There are requirements the Chapter needs to address to maintain verified status. More to come. The Guidestar profile enables visibility to grant makers.

Grant discussed the JustGiving platform that has enabled the Chapter to process donations online through the Chapter’s website “Donate” button. JustGiving processes the transaction and will deposit funds to the Chapter 5/3 Bank Account without deduction of any transaction fees. Donors are encouraged to add an amount to support the costs involved with the service. Receipts are provided to the donors for tax purposes. Donors can dedicate their funds for the use of specific campaigns the Chapter may create in the future.

Grant also discussed the Kroger Community Rewards program the Chapter is enrolled in now. Members are encouraged to update their Kroger shoppers account and specify support the Jeremiah Clark Chapter in the Community Rewards Program.

4. Historian – Decker discussed the Pioneer Ice Cream Social held on July 29 and 30 at the Oakland History Center was a huge success. Decker reported that the event had the largest attendance in its history with over 1,000 people and over \$14,000 raised. A post event “thank you” will be held at Gino’s on August 21st open to volunteers. Suzor, Decker, Ken, Grant, and Mike manned the table at the event for the Chapter near the Lydia Barnes Chapter DAR and the CAR table. Decker and members discussed the pros and cons of the event since the Chapter had visitors at the table, but no names were collected to follow up on potential applications. Promotional ideas were discussed to address these issues to improve prospects at future events.
5. Veterans Committee – Ken reported on the Wreaths Across America program that he facilitated participation of the Chapter as a sponsoring organization. Ken explained how wreaths may be donated through the Jeremiah Clark Chapter. QR codes available. Members are encouraged to support Wreaths Across America to support our Fallen Heroes and the Chapter’s annual commitment to this cause.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned after the SAR Recessional led by Dave Suzor at 8:05 pm

Submitted by Mike Packard

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