



**Silicon Valley Chapter
of the
Sons of the American Revolution**

Chapter Meeting

**Minutes
for
JANUARY 16, 2010**

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley
Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, JANUARY 16, 2010
The Forum at Rancho San Antonio
23500 Cristo Rey Drive
Cupertino, California 95014

Presence of Officers:

President: Present – Thor N. Wiles

Vice President, Membership Present – Ray S. Wark

Vice President, Programs Present – Douglas Q. Bergtholdt

Registrar: Present – Terry Briggs

Secretary: Present – Michael P. Moore

Treasurer: Present Substitute Michael P. Moore

Past President: Absent

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved

Hours of Meeting: 0930 Call to Order
1130 Adjournment

Number Present: 16 Members
5 Guests

Actions Taken:

Motion #1 - A motion was initiated by Compatriot Michael Moore that "The membership of the SVSAR Chapter approves the minutes of the following meeting, which has been posted on the SVSAR Website for a least a week prior to the meeting".

Dec 5 2009 Chapter Meeting

The motion was seconded by Compatriot Thor Wiles and passed by Unanimous Consent

Registrar Terry Briggs presented to Compatriot Dwayne Meyer his 15th supplemental for his ancestor Laurentius Schweissguth.

Compatriot William Dunton has transferred to us from the Alexander Hamilton Chapter in Washington State.

Treasurer Moore reported the SVSAR has \$10,807 in a CD and, \$4,043 in checking for a total of \$14,850.

There was discussion of the SVSAR sponsoring the CASSAR November 2010 Board of Managers Meeting as requested by the CASSAR officers. The discussion was brought forward from the 5 December 2009 SVSAR meeting.

Points made were:

--The SVSAR and it's active members are currently stretched thin, with some SVSAR officer slots not even filled, some SVSAR members are doing the work of multiple positions and responsibilities, active SVSAR members are employed full time, etc. and are having to work overtime. The SVSAR may not have the interested manpower available to support arranging and sponsoring the CASSAR 2010 Fall Board of Manager's Meeting.

-- Some felt that the last CASSAR managers meeting the SVSAR supported resulted in a financial loss for the chapter, that there was no recognition by the CASSAR for the effort made by the chapter, and kudos went to another SAR chapter which some felt didn't carry their share of the work.

--The Fall Board of Manager's meeting is a business meeting which could likely be done in one day were it not for the partying aspects and may be inappropriate for the current financial times.

-- The SVSAR may be damned if it sponsors the CASSAR Fall Board of Manager's meeting and damned by the CASSAR officers if the SVSAR does not sponsor the meeting. The SVSAR may just need to arrange and sponsor the meeting or be castigated by the CASSAR organization.

A potential solution was suggested by Compatriot John Kohli. he suggested the SVSAR contact the San Jose Convention Bureau and see if they would take care of all the arrangements. Mike Malone suggested hotels could do the same thing. Terry Briggs produced a first pass 39 item list of tasks which have to be done to plan and arrange the meeting. A straw vote was taken as to who would not be able to help under any circumstances (2), who could help some (9) and who could help lead the effort (3).

A motion was made that Thor Wiles, Howard Jones, and John Kohli to investigate the possibility of having the San Jose Convention Bureau handle the entire arrangement for the 2010 Fall Manager's Meeting and to report back at the February SVSAR meeting

Motion#2 (above) was made by President Thor Wiles, seconded by Secretary Moore, and approved by a majority of the SVSAR members present.

Compatriot Calvin Breed reported that the SVSAR Eagle Scout essay winner, TAD Malone had his entry forwarded to the CASSAR committee within the CASSAR deadlines. Compatriot William S. Dunton has replaced Compatriot Breed as Eagle Scout Recognition Committee Chairperson.

The next SVSAR meeting (February 20, 2010) will be a visit and tour of the USS Hornet in Alameda, CA. Details about the meeting and tour are posted on the SVSAR website www.svsar.com.

Compatriot Kohli reported on the Color Guard Wreath Laying Ceremony at Golden Gate National Cemetery which occurred on Nov 12, 2010. The event was held in a driving rain with Compatriots Richard Knock, John Kohli, and Chris Palmer laying the wreath at Golden Gate Cemetery on the graves of Compatriot Knock's parents. Compatriot Kohli is to provide the Secretary with information to send to NASSAR.

Meeting Program:

Our excellent guest speaker was Kay Payne. She is a docent with the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. Her topic was: *Conflicts, Confrontations, and the American Dream*. She made a PowerPoint presentation that dealt with artwork from the Revolutionary War era. There was also art from the War of 1812 and Civil War, World Wars 1 and 2 and Vietnam eras. During her presentation she analyzed various paintings and revealed their real meaning, (not always obvious!). An excellent and very well received presentation.

Motion #3 A motion was initiated by Compatriot Thor Wiles that "The membership adjourns the meeting". The motion was seconded by Compatriot Mike Moore. Passed by Unanimous Consent

Points of Order: None

Appeals: None