



Silicon Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

Chapter Meeting Minutes 16 October 2010

Kind of Meeting: Regular Chapter Meeting

Name of Chapter: Silicon Valley Chapter

Date and Place of Meeting: Saturday, October 16, 2010
The Forum at Rancho San Antonio
23500 Cristo Rey Drive
Cupertino, California 95014

Presence of Officers:

President:	Absent – Thor Wiles
Vice President, Membership	Absent – (vacant)
Vice President, Programs	Present – Douglas Q. Bergtholdt
Registrar:	Present – Terry Briggs
Secretary:	Absent – Michael Moore
Treasurer:	Absent – acting, Michael Moore
Past President:	Absent

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved

Hours of Meeting: 09:40 Call to Order
11:30 Adjournment

Number Present: 9 Members
5 Guests

Actions Taken:

Motion #1 A motion was initiated by Howard Jones 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”. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report:

On behalf of the acting Treasurer Terry Briggs reported that as of 10.15.2010 there was \$10,806 in the SVSAR CD and \$13,053.53 in the SVSAR checking account including dues renewals from 63 SVSAR members (63% of the SVSAR membership) and 26 reservation fees for the Fall 2010 CASSAR Board of Manager’s Meeting. SVSAR members present were encouraged to pay their dues renewals as soon as possible if they had not already done so.

Officer Nominating Committee Report:

Doug Bergtholdt reiterated that the SVSAR still needs candidates to be elected as SVSAR officers for 2011. The SVSAR election of officers is to be at the December 4, 2010 SVSAR meeting. Candidates are needed to fill upcoming vacancies for President, Vice President Programs, Vice President Membership, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain. The SVSAR Registrar has agreed to serve again in 2011 if re-elected. Thor Wiles as current SVSAR President will chair the SVSAR nominating committee. Howard Jones reminded the membership that the nominating committee is to consist of past SVSAR presidents and current SVSAR officers. Members are encouraged to volunteer to run for the upcoming officer vacancies and fill committee chair positions.

Registrar Report:

The SVSAR Registrar, Terry Briggs, reported that there is one new member application currently submitted for approval, one supplemental application submitted for approval and one new member application ready for submittal. Terry Briggs read the names of the October and November SVSAR member birthdays and stated that there were no SVSAR members who have 5, 10 and 15 year membership anniversaries this October and November. Applicant Alan Fitch was introduced as well as prospective applicant Dean Chamberlain.

Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship committee report:

Committee chair, Bill Dunton, reported that he has sent out approximately 162 recognition packets to Eagle Scouts in Santa Clara County. One SVSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship application has been received by Bill and Terry Briggs said that SVSAR member Mike Malone informed him that Mike was mentoring a recent Eagle Scout who also planned on submitting a scholarship application. Bill Dunton said that he has a draft of a letter (as an electronic file) to invite Eagle Scouts to apply for the scholarship that can be provided to SVSAR members should any of the SVSAR members know an Eagle Scout who they want to encourage to apply for the scholarship.

Speaker's committee report:

Committee chair Howard Jones reported that he is working on speakers for upcoming meetings including John Swenson of De Anza College who will speak on Vietnam, 30 Years After. Craig MacDonald, brother-in-law of Doug Bergtholdt and brother of Sue Bergtholdt will be the speaker at the December 4, 2010 SVSAR meeting speaking about old west Christmas celebrations.

Color Guard committee report:

Chris Palmer reported that the SVSAR color guard will be marching again at the November 11, 2010 San Jose Veteran's Day Parade and any SVSAR member wishing to participate is welcome to do so. The SVSAR may also have the participation of the fife and drummer from the Consolidated Drum Band.

Chris Palmer also reported that he may participate in a parade in Danville with a fife and drum group on November 7, 2010.

Chris Palmer further reported that he had retrieved SAR and US flags that belong to the SVSAR that have been in storage for 15 to 20 years. These items were obtained from a former SVSAR Chapter President. Flag holders and some SAR stationary items were also retrieved at the same time by Chris. These items will be used again in the future.

The SVSAR color guard will be providing a contingent of Doug Bergtholdt and Terry Briggs for a DAR tea event on November 6, 2010 at the Almaden Country Club.

2010 CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting planning committee report:

Howard Jones reported that the 2010 CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting is being planned by the SVSAR and will take place on November 5th and 6th at the Embassy Suites in Santa Clara. Howard reported that approximately 40-50 CASSAR attendees are required for the SVSAR to break even on the costs of hosting the meeting. Howard also said that help from the SVSAR members would be needed to perform various tasks for the meeting such as preparing name tags, preparing luncheon and banquet tickets, preparing and assembling meeting packets, serving at registration tables, serving at hospitality suites and managing liquor supplies. Howard and John Kohli will be contacting SVSAR members to ask them to volunteer for these tasks. The reservation form for the 2010 CASSAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting is available on-line at the CASSAR website and is also in the summer edition of the California Compatriot.

New Business:

Sue Bergtholdt invited any SAR members and guests to attend a DAR grand opening event for the newly restored New Almaden Mine Casa Grande. The event is on November 13, 2010 from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the CASA Grande on Almaden Road in New Almaden.

Next SVSAR Meeting:

It was announced that the next SVSAR meeting would be December 4, 2010 again at the Forum in Cupertino.

Our planned speaker, Sunnyvale Councilperson, Ron Swegles unexpectedly did not arrive at the SVSAR meeting. Our excellent fill-in speaker was SVSAR Compatriot Howard Jones who spoke on the last days of former general, statesman and college president Robert E. Lee. Howard's presentation was appreciated and well received by those in attendance.

Motion #2 A motion was initiated by Compatriot Charles Chicks that "The membership adjourn the meeting." The motion was seconded. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Points of Order: None

Meeting minutes prepared by: Terry Briggs, SVSAR Registrar
(If there are any corrections or clarifications required, please contact Terry Briggs).