

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Instituted October 22, 1875

Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930

BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2019

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by President Mark Torres at 2:14. Attending were Mark Torres, Daniel McMillan, Kent Gregory, Dan Casey, John Ferris, Richard Adams, John Dodd, Hammond Salley, and Gus Fischer.

The Board Meeting minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer Dan Casey presented his proposed budget 2019 for the Orange County Chapter. Kent Gregory noted that we don't collect dues from the Life members or Junior members. The anticipated dues income was then adjusted. The donation to the Quilt Reaction Force was discussed. John Ferris suggested increasing the Poster and Brochure Contest budget to include a lunch for the winner and a guest if they attend a meeting. Orations Contest budget was discussed. Gus Fischer confirmed the JROTC budget was correct. The line item for Quilts of Valor was renamed "donations." John Dodd asked how much of the current treasury was unallocated. Dan Casey asked about the \$130 cash that had just been handed him, which was from the Ben Franklin raffle. He also asked about an invoice he received from Jim Fosdyck that he didn't understand. Richard Adams noted that the Chaplain's budget allowed for one wreath, so no more than one member could die in the year.

MOTION: I move we approve the budget as presented and amended. Motion made by Kent Gregory and seconded by Richard Adams. Motion passed.

Dan Casey noted that he had purchased new checks and deposit slips. The signatories on the checking account currently are Treasurer Dan Casey and Secretary Daniel McMillan.

Corresponding Secretary Daniel McMillan reported that Joe Boyer had sent his dues and also paid for the bounced check fee. He also recommended that when he collects dues payments, that he will directly deposit those funds into the bank account and notify the treasurer. Everyone agreed that was an acceptable procedure.

John Dodd presented two possible uses for some of the unallocated funds. The 2019 Congress will be held in Orange County in July, so there are things that could be sponsored, such as the Oration Contestant reception/pizza party which might cost approximately \$1,000.00, or the speaker for the Tuesday Banquet at Congress will be Charlie Plumb, whose fee is \$5,000.00 .

John also explained a potential challenge grant program that the chapter could sponsor that would raise funds for advertisements to go in local papers pitching estate donations to the SAR Foundation. There are papers in wealthier areas such as the *Daily Pilot* in Newport Beach, the *Orange Park Acres* in Villa Park, or newspapers in Laguna Woods, Seal Beach Leisure World, or Coto de Caza.

MOTION: I move we explore the challenge grant program further. Motion made by Richard Adams, and seconded by John Ferris. Motion passed.

Regarding sponsoring an activity at Congress, John said he would return when he has more specifics.

Dan McKelvie had sent Mark Torres an e-mail about doubling the Youth Contest awards. Gus Fischer expressed concerns about the total costs eating into the excess funds and would not be

sustainable. Kent Gregory suggested appointing a subcommittee to look into the issue and bring back recommendations. Lengthy discussion ensued. President Torres said he would give it consideration.

MOTION: I move to adjourn. With no further business this Motion was made by John Ferris and seconded by Richard Adams.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted

April 13, 2019

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Recording Secretary Pro Tempore