

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER * CALIFORNIA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Nationally Instituted October 22, 1875
Organized July 4, 1876, Incorporated February 17, 1930
Chapter Chartered April 15, 1967

Board Meeting October 15, 2016

The meeting was opened by President Ferris at 11:50am. Those in attendance included; President John Ferris, Jim Fosdyck, Jim Blauer, Dan McKelvie and Mark Torres.

Several items were discussed.

- 1) The Chapter endorsement of John Dodd for State Chancellor. Since we did not have enough Board Members in attendance this would be done by email.
- 2) Discussion ensued on how often we needed to have the Board meet. It was suggested we might want to make it a quarterly meeting or every other month. We can then get a lot done as we are not rushed to get out of the restaurant and it is not too late for those who need to get home soon after the meeting. We may need more than planned meetings, but they can be called by the president naming the place and time for it to take place. It does not have to take place after the meeting, though it can, if need be.

On our regular meetings Jim Fosdyck suggested that we may wish to have one meeting/dinner a year when the awards are handed out. That month we will not have a need for a speaker. Have the President's Awards in January for members and any chapter awards from State or National. We could have a speaker from one of the youth awards institutions. Maybe have May for the Youth Awards, June for Public Service and November for our veterans. All other awards would be handed out in January.

A Summer Barbecue or picnic like we have had in the past is a good way to have a get-together away from the regular meetings. Need to find a venue where it can be held. August is probably the best time to have this as members and their families have already done their Summer vacation and there are no State or National meetings during that month.

We do need a full time Publicity Chair to help in promoting our meetings and events; .Publicity Chairman.

- 3) Youth Programs discussed. We will celebrate Veterans in November and maybe have the Youth Awards in May—all at one time. Fund raising is important. Maybe have a Youth Chairman like the State Society that oversees all the programs/contests. Have individual chairmen for each program/contest. This chairman would be in charge of fundraising for these programs to be able to give more money to the winners and for any publicity needed.

- 4) Chairmen for other vacant programs are needed. Doug Pettibone wishes to become more involved. Maybe get Ted Carlson to handle any audio visual needs for our speakers. Any party planning for a Summer gathering could be handled by the Ladies Auxiliary to organize the event. For Public Service Awards will also need a Heroism Chairman like the State Society as well as an overall Chairman for all the Public Service Awards.

John Dodd will go through and do new write ups for each of the chairman positions/offices. Jim Fosdyck reported that a Life Saving Award is being worked on to get the approval of the Awards Committee at National.

- 5) Website development was discussed with Mark Torres present. The question is what else can we do. He has linked a page to societies, Historical place/societies. He already lists the Founder of the Month and days in history from Jim Blauer's calendar. Maybe have a section to show books on the American Revolution that are available.

It was noted that the National website has been expanded. Our Chapter website is 10-20 years old. It does not have the safety features of today. There are new formats with the latest in security updates. It could be pricy for the monthly fee. Mark will check and see what is out there that we may be able to use. We need to move forward with advances in this area as a way to maintain our website and keep it

current with the technology. Mark will check on the cost proposals to obtain an upgrade for our site. We may wish to have the access code available to more than one person. We may wish to get a chapter credit card for those who have access. Question arises do we want to get a credit card or a debit card. We will need to talk to Don Carlson our treasurer on getting a debit card for the chapter. Don has already set us up for Pay Pal. Mark has placed this on our website.

6) Other items. First is the budget for the 2017 State meeting being hosted by our chapter. Jim Fosdyck has spearheaded this event and is just about completed with the arrangements and will have something for us at our next board meeting. He needs to have the budget approved by the Board.

As we will need volunteers to help with this April State meeting, John Dodd is going to need many volunteers to help in putting on the 2019 Congress here in Orange County.

With no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted

November 12, 2016

James F. Blauer
Recording Secretary