

**Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution**

**PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE REVOLUTION**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

**8 March 2001**

In the absence of President Cheyney, Vice President Johnson called the meeting to order promptly at 4:00 p.m. in the Grant Room of the Union League in Philadelphia and led the Board in prayer in the absence of Chaplain Proctor.

**PRESENT:** Messrs. Burke, Clattenburg, Congdon, Coyne, Di Stefano, Fenstermacher, Frick, Gordon, Hoyt, Johnson, Morris, Peltier, Shirk, Walkup, and John H. Bowman (guest of Vice President Shirk).

**READING OF THE MINUTES:** Vice President Johnson asked if there were any questions, additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2001. Minor corrections in grammar and spelling were noted and accepted for correction. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved, as amended.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Secretary Clattenburg reported that regrets had been received from Messrs. Cheyney, Flood, Gresh, Groff, Lewis, Loughran, Maiden, Moak, Moore, Proctor, Van Gulick, and Wood.

The Secretary reported the current membership of the Society, as of 1 March 2001, is 1,036 active members. The roster includes 16 Life members and one regular member about whom the Society has no current address; there are 27 Junior Life members. The total of all classes of members is 1,080.

The death of Life Member C. Edgar Hires (past Captain of Color Guard) was announced by the Secretary and a prayer was offered in his memory led by Vice President Johnson in the absence of the Chaplain.

The Secretary noted that three-year edition of the Proceedings was ready for the printer after final edits and it would be sent to the printer shortly per President Emeritus Mark Lloyd.

Preparations for the Annual Meeting were in progress for 12 April 2001 and the Secretary thanked everyone for their assistance with supplying information he needed for the meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** In the absence of Treasurer Van Gulick, Assistant Treasurer Hoyt reported a shortened version (see attached) of a financial report due to the computer problems the Society office was currently experiencing in generating a report. Upon motion made and seconded, the report was accepted unanimously.

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**REGISTRAR'S REPORT:** In the absence of Registrar Morgan, Vice President Johnson advised the Board that there was no report.

**HISTORIAN'S REPORT:** In the absence of Historian Groff, Vice President Johnson advised the Board that there was no report.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** In the absence of President Cheyney, Vice President Johnson asked Vice President John Shirk to introduce Dr. John Bowman, the next Regent of the Lancaster County Chapter. Vice President Shirk reported that Dr. Bowman has been the chapter membership chairman and has an outstanding record of overseeing proposals and assisting applicants through the membership process. Vice President Johnson welcomed Dr. Bowman on behalf of the Board.

Vice President Johnson reported that a motion on the Whitaker fund be tabled as requested by President Cheyney. Upon motion made and seconded, the motion was tabled unanimously.

An additional proposed motion regarding the publication of the General Society Proceedings was also requested to be tabled by President Cheyney in his absence. Vice President Johnson called for a motion. Upon motion made and seconded, the motion was tabled unanimously.

**ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE:** Richard Di Stefano, Chairman, advised that there was no report.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Benjamin Frick, Chairman, advised the Board that there was no report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Harland Johnson, Chairman, reported that despite market conditions the Society portfolio was doing well. The committee has continuously been in much discussion about whether to buy into new areas or add to present areas. He felt that by the next committee meeting there would most likely be buy additions to the portfolio.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** Counselor Di Stefano, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, gave permission for Vice President Johnson to read the proposed Audit Committee Description and Audit Committee Resolution (see attached) prepared by President Cheyney. Various questions for consideration on the resolution were discussed, bylaws referred to, and a general consensus of opinion demonstrated that the proposed resolution was in order to present to the membership at the April Annual Meeting 2001. Further discussion would take place with President Cheyney and also in the future regarding "signing authority." A motion was called for by Vice President Johnson to present the "proposed motion" to the membership at the Annual Meeting. It was approved and seconded and would be prepared for presentation to the membership on 12 April 2001.

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**AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE:** Chairman Walkup reported information that President Cheyney had requested regarding the Standards and Colors .... book. The information received states that as of November 1981 past President Clattenburg along with the "Author" granted and assigned the copyright of the works to University Press. Eric Halpren of University Press has stated informally that for \$7500 approximately 1500 copies could be printed. The 165 images from color plates however are not in their possession and are archived at the University of Michigan. For a fee, the color plates and preprinting reference materials could be cataloged faster if needed for printing consideration. Vice President Johnson asked if the plates had been donated to the Library but Chairman Walkup did not know. Chairman Walkup also stated that the university did not state what the fee would be for cataloging the books preprinting contents sooner. Further information would be sought pertaining to the Colors and Standards book and a potential future printing if deemed necessary. Chairman Walkup stated that President Emeritus Lloyd had done the work on gathering this information. It was also suggested that the book be announced for sale to the membership in the next newsletter in which the Executive Secretary stated that was already being planned.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMITTEE:** Chairman Fenstermacher stated there would be a committee meeting in the very near future and that the confirmation from Ambassador Alan Keyes had still not been received but that he didn't foresee any problems.

**NEW CITIZENS' RECEPTION:** Stephen Hoyt, Chairman, advised the Board that there was no report.

**SARATOGA-YORKTOWN ANNIVERSARIES COMMITTEE:** In the absence of Chairman Morgan, Vice President Johnson advised the Board that there was no report.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** In the absence of Historian Groff, Vice President Johnson advised the Board that there was no report.

**VALLEY FORGE COMMEMORATION:** In the absence of Chairman Wood, Vice President Johnson advised the Board that preparations for the event were nearly completed and an article was submitted to the Executive Secretary for the newsletter. He also stated Chairman Wood thanked the Board for their get-well wishes.

**WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY PARTY COMMITTEE:** Chairman Morris reported that approximately 180 people were present at the affair and that comments received were 99.5% positive on this year's event (see attached report).

**YOUNGER MEMBERS:** Chairman Fenstermacher reported that the Younger Members enjoyed the George Washington Party this year and that the after party held at the Union League was also a success. A Younger Members Committee meeting would be scheduled shortly.

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**THE COLOR GUARD:** In the absence of Captain Salisbury, Vice President Johnson reported that there was no report.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** In the absence of Chairman FitzGerald, Vice President Johnson advised that there was no report.

**NEWSLETTER:** In the absence of Reverend Proctor, Editor, Vice President Johnson reported that Reverend Proctor will be delivering the articles for the newsletter to the Executive Secretary after his return from Texas and apologized for the delay in preparation.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Vice President Burke reported that a combined meeting was scheduled for the Operations/Technology committees for 10 March 2000 to review vendor proposals for the purchase of new computer equipment. A brief discussion was held as to the "signing power" of the contracts but Chairman Burke stated that the items were already in the budget and did not anticipate any problem after review of the proposals in working along with Chairman Gordon of the Technology Committee.

**INFORMATION SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGIES:** Chairman Gordon reiterated Chairman's Burke's statements regarding the computer equipment purchase and presented the web site's activity report (see attached).

**REPORT OF LANCASTER COUNTY CHAPTER:** In the absence of Regent Moore, Vice-President John Shirk reported the Lancaster County Chapter was looking forward to attending the 2001 Annual Meeting and arrangements had been made for a bus charter to bring the Chapter's members to the meeting. He also reported that the Chapter looked forward to President Cheyney's visit to the Lancaster Annual Meeting as guest speaker and also in seeing various other members there also. In addition, it was reported that the flagpole donated by the Society was in place with the American flag flying and all the members looked forward to its future dedication.

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL SOCIETY:** Vice President Johnson advised the Board that he had been in the process of organizing the Triennial Committee and tentative dates were being investigated as to availability for Philadelphia hotel accommodations and further announcements would be made in the future.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Vice President Johnson reported that there was no **OLD BUSINESS** to come before the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A question of the results of the Nominations Committee was brought up by several members of the Board and concern was voiced that a report was not readily available for Board review before the 12 April 2001 Annual Meeting. A brief discussion

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followed and the Board was in consensus that a report should be available before any annual meeting in the future.

There being no further business to be presented for consideration by the Board, Vice President Johnson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting and invited all in attendance to gather for social time and informed discussions following the meeting. A motion was accepted to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Clattenburg, Jr.  
Secretary

Attachments