Minutes of Annual All-Member CTSSAR Meeting
J Timothy's in Plainville, Connecticut
Saturday, April 22nd, 2023
Damien Cregeau, Recording Secretary

11:19 Call to Order by President Taylor

Invocation by Chaplain Rich Kendall
reading of names of Compatriots who died since our last meeting a year ago included Burt Chapman

Pledge of Allegiance

SAR Pledge

Establishment of Quorum:
Humphreys Branch #1 Stewart, Kendall, Wilkins Robinson
Putnam Branch #4 Gerland, Pitchcok, Dudley, Brothers
Sherman #5 - one Kurt Potter
Wadsworth Branch #7 - four: Cregeau, Healy, Scott Collins, James Wittmore
Baldwin #9 - Perkins, John Gelanas, Young
Wolcott **- eleven Compatriots**
Hale Branch - eight: Nelson, etc. (Cregeau and Wilkins as dual members don't count)
Mead Branch - having their annual meeting down in Greenwich today (said Perkins)

Recording Secretary's Minutes for GW B-Day February BOM meeting at Griswold Inn, Essex
Motion to approve the minutes - Tim ____ (11:26), seconded by Ethan Stewart

Gary Pitcock brought in a historic George Washington artifact
Perkins - made table arrangements for youth awards recipients seated with chair of relevant committee

Treasurer's Report - Ted Nelson
Rich Kendall distributed Nelson's report
Refer to report for P&L numbers
Tim Epson - moved to approve; Jim Rothgeb seconded; approved unanimously

Real Properties
Dave Packard - submitted report online; trying to get the Gov. Trumbull War Office into shape for the summer and fall 2023 season; in touch with architect, landscaping folks, etc.

Ted Nelson asked for specific hours, days, etc. for volunteer docents for the three properties

Steve Taylor reminded everyone present (including public: wives, guests, etc.) that our CTSSAR is the only state society that owns real property, and that we own three public museum properties
Packard said he has three school groups scheduled for visits

Registrars Report
Ethan Stewart, Registrar - updates on new Compatriots -11:45 AM; spends about 20 hours a week spent mostly on tedious phone calls to follow up with NSSAR/Louisville, etc.
Passed out flyers for Gen. Humphreys Branch grave marking ceremony for first PG of NSSAR

Old Business
Perkins: updates on Florida 2023 Congress including list of delegates

New Business
Orlando, FL this summer
Taylor: *CTSSAR/Connecticut has not hosted a NSSAR Congress since 1966*
Volunteers needed badly, including help from New England District
Our fundraising efforts begin with our 2025 Congress medals - $40 each (Cregeau as one of the first three to buy the two-medal set)
Taylor stated we want as Connecticut to share what is unique about CT: our three properties, especially our Gov. Trumbull War Office, as well as Fort Griswold

Perkins - wants to set fundraising goal at $50,000 and specified the levels of donations
This effort would last from June 15th, 2023 through a second payment in June 15th, 2024
Each of the two gifts would be **$2,500 - called "Sons of Liberty"**
Perkins proposed fundraising pledge - Tim Epson seconded
Peter Stothart - asked about Branch donations
Pledges of donations for the upcoming 12 months: Kendall, Nelson, Dudley, Epson, Selnau

Stewart: revisit state budget - asked that $1,500 be **added to budget for _____**
Selnau seconded it; unanimously approved

Proposed Slate of State Officers
Slate read by President Taylor: Paul Selnau for president, Mike Bird for 1st VP, Chris B. (not present) for 2nd VP, ————————; unfilled state positions include state chancellor - CT licensed attorney remains open, along with addition of (Medical/**State Surgeon**) - will be key position for our hosting of 2025 Congress, including prescriptions of medications; motion moved by ____ and seconded by Nelson - 12:00 noon
Rich Kendall - proposed Damien Cregeau from the floor for position of first vice president
National Trustee - Ken Roach - Taylor noted that Roach is on his way to Urgent Care
Alternate National Trustee - Ethan Stewart
Chaplain - Rich Kendall
Corresponding and Recording Secretary - Dave Perkins

Treasurer - Ted Nelson
Ass't Treasurer - Rich Kendall
Registrar- Ethan Stewart
Historian - Gary Pitcock
Chancellor - _____-vacant
Surgeon - _____- vacant

New Compatriot Tim Burke of East Haddam - Branch #6 Captain Nathan Hale for 36
Plus Tim Epson - Wolcott Branch for a grand total of 37
Perkins moved; Rothgeb seconded; unanimously approved

First Vice President run-off with two-minute speeches between Mike Bird and Damien Cregeau
Taylor asked Tim Upso and Bill Spring to serve as two tellers (spelling?) for written ballots run-off election

Elections of State Officers
Bird defeated Cregeau

Meeting adjourned for lunch

Presentations of Youth Awards
Swearing in of newly elected officers of new administration of Paul Selnau, President

Draft of Minutes respectfully submitted by Damien Cregeau, Recording Secretary
May 2023