**Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Society of the War of 1812**

**Philadelphia Club – September 12, 2019**

**(Richard S. Sperry 12-3-19)**

The following minutes of the quarterly luncheon meeting of the Society of the War of 1812 at the Philadelphia Club on September 12, 2019 were prepared by Secretary, Richard S. Sperry

**Present:** Eugene Bolt, Jefferson Moak, Richard S. Sperry, Bill, Bodine, Rev Clayton Ames, Austin Lamac, Raymond Longacre, Richard De Stefano, Timothy Hennessy, Robert Marvin, Robert Van Gulick,W. Steven Mark, Ron Fenstermacher, Peter Hill,

**Absent:** Richard Pagano, Andrew Sullivan, Larry Magdy,

**General:** President, Eugene Bolt called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm and Rev Clayton Ames led those present in a prayer. W. Steven Mark led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** Secretary Sperry introduced the minutes of the prior meeting of June 11, 2019 which were introduced and approved

**Secretary’s Report:** Richard Sperry said there were no significant secretarial matters to report.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Bill Bodine presented the Treasurer’s Report for the 7 months ending July 31, 2019. The net assets of the Society as of July 31 were $119,986, up 13% compared to a year ago. Year to date disbursements of $7972 have slightly exceeded receipts of $6386 by $1541 but are within budget. Basically, 1812 is healthy, we pay attention to expenses and Mr. Bodine was optimistic on the economy. New Luncheon cost is $35 plus drinks.

**Registrar’s Report:** Registrar Jefferson Moak reported that membership was up since September and that there are 179 members of which 86 are life and 93 are regular dues paying members with 59 non-PA and 120 in PA. There have been no reported deaths.

**Report of the Marshall:** Steven Mark said the Color Guard was at the church service at the Lower Merion Baptist church in June. Also, that we’ll add two flags for the Triennial – Easton and one other

**Report of the Historian:** Historian Raymond Longacre was absent and no report was submitted. He had previously asked if people would bring copies of any old yearbooks before 1980 to the next meeting. He repeated this request made in the last meeting.

**Report of the General Society:** Bob Marvin said that it would take $10,000 to redo the Ross statue at the Old Pine Street church. We can get $3k from general funds plus some donations. So, restoration of the Captain Ross statue will run $3k contributed by us. This was approved and Peter Hill to get a matching gift by encouraging solicitation of funds to support this effort at the Triennial.

**Reports of Committees:**

**Church Service:**  Peter Hill reported that a fine job was done by all at the Lower Merion Baptist church service on May 21. They have unmarked graves for 25-30 1812 vets. We would provide them with markers. The daughters of the war of 1812 were delighted to find the grave of Stephen McGill for which they had been looking. The wives had a good time too.

Eugene Bolt said that next year at the Triennial we’ll commemorate at the dinner on Saturday with the Captain ross dedication. We’ll have a service in the spring on Armed Services Day.

**By Laws:** No report was available or given. No issues were cited.

**Boy Scouts:** Austin Lamac passed around emblems for approval. We have a list of 12 sites we have given funds to in the past. Also included a form for the Award presented to each scout.

**Triennial Project:** Bob Marvin said the contract has now been sent to the General Society for their

approval. Gene Bolt is in the process of securing the space including hotel rooms at the Philadelphia downtown Marriott.

**Membership:** Andy Sullivan was absent, but Jefferson Moak proposed the application of David Humphries, MD. He is already a member of the Society in Kentucky where he first joined.

**Veteran Graves Database:** Gene Bolt said that identifying War of 1812 veterans' graves continues as a high school "community service" project.  If anyone lives in a school district with a community service requirement, we can easily submit any necessary paperwork so that the 1812 graves identification project qualifies as an eligible project.

During the summer we continued to grow the database and now have 3519 entries on the database. He provided a separate report (included) with information on the Hood Cemetery, the Doylestown Presbyterian Church and Lower Merion Baptist Church Cemetery.

**Publications:** In the absence of a Secretary to handle publications, Gene Bolt said we had enough information to put together an annual yearbook.

**Report of the President:** President Eugene Bolt reported the resignation of Tee Adams from the Board. There was a unanimous vote to accept it. There are several functions performed by Mr Adams that will need to be farmed out: website to Will Forbes who does work for the PSSR, the Yearbook, the annual newsletter, the annual Xmas card (Tom Showler).

A list of functions for the website was quickly brainstormed (newsletter, links to other societies, History of the PA Society, current officers and past presidents, a calendar of events, how to join (application included

War Cry submissions – Presient Bolt spoke to Rick Hollis at National and mentioned that he had several articles for submission (7). Bob Marvin made a motion to proceed with The War Cry, seconded by Jefferson Moak.

NROTC – Tee Adams had all the prior information used for the NROTC awards. This is easily to replicate and will be done by the new coordinator. Gene asked for an NROTC coordinator for next spring…overtures to the various ROTC units to occur in November-December timeframe.

President Eugene Bolt discussed planning for the Triennial Meeting here in Philadelphia and distributed a planning sheet from General society President Rick Hollis for all to follow. Tasks that need to take place include, finding a meeting location, lodging, tours, meals, banquets, guest speakers, publications, monument re-dedications, a challenge coin, special projects fund and so forth.

**Triennial Meeting 2020:** The Committee consists of Peter Hill and Dr. Bob Marvin (co-Chairs), President Bolt, Jefferson Moak, and Rich Blair. Eugene Bolt distributed a 2020 Triennial Planning and Preparation worksheet for all to follow. Eugen Bolt distributed a sheet with 10 suggested committees – Lodging, Banquet/reception, Business Meeting, Independence Hall/Congress Hall tours, Church Service, Tours/Guide book, Publications, Informal receptions (welcome cocktail/ice cream, etc). The Old Pine Street Committee was added to the end.

The Congress in Philadelphia is tentatively scheduled for August 6-9, 2020 at the Sheraton Hotel. . One possible project is the restoration of Captain Ross statue at the Old Pine Presbyterian Cemetery. Estimated cost is roughly $10,000. We are continuing to get a handle on the number of rooms to reserve.

**Next Meeting:** The next quarterly board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2019

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.