



## **Minutes from the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the America Revolution**

### **Zoom Meeting : August 1, 2020**

Thirty-seven members of PASSAR and LAPASSAR were in attendance for this Zoom meeting. The meeting was called to order by PASSAR State President, Reverend David Felts. President Felts followed the general order of business including invocation, presentation of colors (omitted), pledges of allegiance to the flag and to the SAR. A black streamer will be inserted on the PASSAR flag in memory of former state president, James Garwaite. After a roll call, Past President of Philadelphia Continental Chapter, Frank O'Donnell, who served as moderator, confirmed that there was a quorum. President Felts introduced special guest, President General Jack Manning who shared news that fall leadership will be canceled not only because of the pandemic but also because of protests in Louisville. President Felts announced that the May annual meeting has also been canceled. Host chapters are needed for both the summer (August 7, 2021) and winter (February 4, 2022) meetings.

Under Old Business, it was determined that board of management report books as well as *The Minuteman* will be sent via e-mail. Those without e-mail will receive print copies. Board of management meeting minutes will be posted on the PASSAR.org website. There was discussion about dues collection with recommendations to alleviate deleting and re-installing members. Chapter presidents and secretaries will have access to the data base, and members can pay on-line from September 1 through November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. After December 31<sup>st</sup>, members are dropped. Each chapter will be responsible for contacting chronic late payers.

Americanism grants of \$250.00 each are typically awarded to chapters scoring the most points per member in their grouping (under 50 members, 51 to 100 members and over 100 members) according to chair, George Clarke, Philadelphia Continental Chapter President and Committee Chair. According to Clarke, a fourth grant was approved which would go to the chapter with the next highest score, no matter what the size of that chapter. These grants were to be awarded at the annual meeting in 2020 which was canceled. Determinations are made based upon submitted score sheets. Americanism grants for 2020 were awarded to Arthur St. Clair, George Washington, and Great Glades chapters. The remaining \$250.00 grant monies were split between two chapters: Continental Congress and Fort Jackson. Compatriot Clarke reported that the grants did not increase incentives for other chapters' involvement, the purpose of these

grants. Therefore, First Vice- President Andrew Lick made a motion to discontinue the Americanism grants. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Aiden Klee, President of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR), presented this year's CAR project to support Fort Ligonier and its museum, especially funds for black powder to be used during reenactments held annually in October during Fort Ligonier Days. Monies collected will also support the museum's Powder Horn exhibit. Pins, tee-shirts are available for purchase at the CAR online store: <https://www.pennsylvaniacar.org/shop>. For more information, contact Mrs. Klee at [Beklee01@gmail.com](mailto:Beklee01@gmail.com).

George Clarke reported on the poster contest. Each individual chapter will choose a poster subject: any Revolutionary War individual. Specifications for the poster are available on the PASSAR website.

The William Harder Membership Award will be presented posthumously to Past Pennsylvania State Presidents, Charles Canning and James Garwaite.

Forest Myers of Harris Ferry Chapter asked that absorption of Washingtonburg Chapter be put on the PASSAR agenda. Compatriot Gasner offered York (district four) as site for future meeting. Council Bill McKim reminded those assembled that paperwork needs to be done in this regard, and he is available to help.

Compatriot Raynold Prusia reported on the nominating committee: Bob Gosner, Jr. will serve as District Deputy (third district), and Raynold Prusia will join four others to serve on the Executive Committee. Prusia also noted that National Trustee positions revert to 2019 because the July 2020 Virginia Congress was canceled.

New Business included the installation of both PASSAR and LAPASSAR officers by President General Jack Manning. Our LAPASSAR 2020-2022 officers are Becky Moyer, President Elect, First Vice-President, Cynthia Mills, Second Vice-President, Maribeth Wilt-Seibert, Treasurer, JoAnne Mengle, Secretary, Janice Showler, and Chaplain, Patricia McKim. A benediction and SAR recessional were offered to close the meeting. After a brief recess, all convened for the PASSAR annual memorial service. Thirty-six compatriots were remembered in a solemn reflection. That service is included with these minutes as an attachment.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, LAPASSAR  
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