



Michigan Society of the War of 1812

Minutes of Meeting November 20, 2021 - Plymouth District Library

The meeting was called to order by President Treppa at 12:51 p.m.

Officers Present:

President Allan Treppa, Vice President Fredrick Barnard, Secretary James Petres, Treasurer David Boring, Genealogist Thomas Pleuss, Webmaster Elijah Shalis.

Members Present:

Thomas Thompson, Robert Hawcroft

There was a quorum to conduct business.

President Treppa led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Genealogist To Pleuss led the 1812 Pledge.

Program: President Treppa introduced Rusty Davis of the River Raisin Battlefield Center who spoke about Hall's Road and the new visitor center at the River Raisin Battlefield.

Society Business:

Membership: Currently 50 with eight (8) new members since the last meeting in 2019. The new members are:

Thomas L. Thompson
Robert D. Hawcroft
Dennis P. VanWomer
Jonathan P. Luker
Edward C. Hayes
Jonny K. Morrison
Logan Patrick Treppa
Harry L. Rinker

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National Society of the Children of 1812. President Treppa received an informational letter about the Children of 1812. Questions were asked about the organization, but the letter did not contain the information. (Additional information from the NSC 1812 indicates that it is open to boys and girls and is not affiliated with either the General Society of the War of 1812 or the United States Daughters of 1812. There are members in Michigan.)

Necrology: The following members were remembered with a moment of silence:

Richard D. Wright
Michael W. R. Davis
Edward C. Hayes.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report:

Annual Report: Treasurer Boring presented the Annual Report.

Motion by Elijah Shalis, second by Allan Treppa to accept the report. Motion **PASSED**

Proposed Budget: Treasurer Boring presented the proposed 2022 budget. There was discussion about funding for grave dedications.

Motion by Elijah Shalis to take the \$100 proposed for the River Raisin Battlefield (\$50) and the Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield (\$50) and use it for grave dedications. Motion died for lack of support

Motion by Elijah Shalis, second by Fredrick Barnard to add a line item of \$100 to be used for grave dedications. Motion **PASSED**

Wreaths Across America:

Elijah Shalis described the Sponsoring Organization program with Wreaths Across America. The sponsoring organization receives \$5 for each wreath purchased through the organization, including on the WAA website. Several SAR chapters use this to raise funds.

Motion by Elijah Shalis, second by Tom Pleuss to register the Michigan Society of the War of 1812 as a sponsoring organization with WAA. Motion **PASSED**

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Grave Markings:

Elijah Shalis talked about the historical plaques that SAR has been placing at cemeteries where Patriots are buried. The plaques are placed at or near the cemetery entrance and tell of the Patriot(s) buried there. The plaques cost about \$2,900.

The cemetery in Pinckney where father and son Patriots Claudius Britton II and Claudius Britton III, whose graves were marked in 2020, are buried would be an opportunity for a joint project with SAR.

President Treppa will contact National about the possibility of grant funding for this.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Secretary Petres mentioned that he has minutes from the following meetings that were never approved:

May 2, 2015
May 21, 2016
October 21, 2017
August 30, 2018
June 6, 2019

The minutes are available to be read or reviewed by the members.

Motion by David Boring, second by Allan Treppa to approve the minutes of the meetings mentioned. Motion **PASSED**

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Prepared by James Petres, Secretary

Minutes approved at the meeting of the Michigan Society held on Saturday, May 20, 2023