



Sons of the Revolution in the State of Illinois
Minutes of the June 9, 2012 Meeting
Naperville, Illinois

The meeting was called to order by President Donald Gradeless at 10:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. The Invocation was given by Father Archer. Members present were Robert H. Rati, Thomas Siegel, Robert D. Rati, Robert Allen, James Barr, Father Scott Archer, and Donald Gradeless. A quorum was present. Guests attending were Mr. William Wilder, SR-Indiana Secretary. Guests attending a ladies reception hosted by Mrs. Thomas Siegel were Mrs. Robert H. Rati and Mrs. Robert D. Rati. President Gradeless appointed Father Scott Archer, to fill the office of Chaplain. Past President Robert H. Rati volunteered to serve as the recording secretary for this meeting only. Minutes of the previous meeting were amended and approved as amended. The amendments that were approved in 2011 were discussed. Members arriving during the meeting were Robert D. Johnson and Marty Kasper.

Since the last meeting was held former officers had attempted to close more accounts held by the Society and had been stopped. A discussion on further discovered financial losses in prior years were discussed and how the sale of non-callable bonds for pennies on the dollar which were payable this year has permanently damaged the society's financial status. Several members suggested that funds be invested in mutual funds and made suggestions. Members were reminded that the Life Funds could not be placed in anything that could involve risk. After three years the SR-Illinois is back in control of the remaining investments.

A discussion on controlling expenses was held. On motion of James Barr: "To allow payment of the basic registration fee for SR-Illinois voting delegate(s) to Triennial Meetings." Other costs and fees would not be reimbursed by the society. Seconded by Tom Siegel. Motion passed.

A discussion to complete purchase of a private internet domain name or to remain at <http://sril.gradeless.com>. On motion of Robert Allen, second by Tom Siegel, The Illinois society shall remain on the gradeless.com domain.

Vice President Siegel welcomed the society to the Siegel Residence and Naperville. Treasurer Gradeless was absent but had reported that the former officers have finally been able to be removed for all SR-Illinois Accounts. Registrar Gradeless reported on several new membership enquiries.

Communications from Patriot Kent Worley on a proposal for a Bill of Rights Marker were presented and discussed. Seconded by James Barr. A discussion was held and vote taken. Motion failed as most felt it was not directly related to the Revolutionary War.

The Annual Meeting will be held in Naperville on October 27th if reservations can be made. Dates for the Spring/Flag Day meeting will be June 8, 2013 and the Annual meeting will be held on October 19, 2013 with the exact locations to be announced when arrangements are completed

Robert Johnson was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee and the candidates were selected for the 2013 Ballot. The Term of Office can range from 1 to 3 years and 1 year was the recommended term. The nominees selected for the ballot are: President: Donald Gradeless; First Vice President: Thomas Siegel; Treasurer: Robert Johnson; Chaplain Father Scott Archer. Current board members: Robert E. Allen, Paul Fay Christian, Rex L Gradeless, Rex L. Gradeless II, Robert D. Johnson, Lewis V. Morgan, Jr. Election will be by mailed ballot. Additional nominations and acceptance must be received 60 days prior to the meeting to be placed on the ballot. Recommendations accepted. All items for the next meeting's agenda must reach the President 60 days before the next meeting. Any item requiring a vote will be included on ballot so all members may vote.

Motion to adjourn by Robert D. Rati. Closing prayer by Father Scott Archer. Thanks were expressed to VP and Mrs. Siegel for hosting the meeting at their home.

Respectfully submitted, Robert H. Rati, Recording Secretary Pro Tem