



Sons of the Revolution in the State of Illinois
Minutes of the June 1, 2013 Meeting
Naperville, Illinois

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 by President Gradeless. Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Rex Gradeless. Opening prayer by our Chaplain Father Scott Archer. Present were Father Scott Archer, Donald Gradeless, Thomas Siegel, Rex Gradeless, Robert Johnson. A quorum was present. Guest attending was Mrs. Sally Gradeless.

Adoption of Agenda. Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Siegel for hosting the meeting & luncheon. Meeting Appointments Father Scott Archer was asked to serve as the Recording Secretary and he agreed.

Minutes of prior meeting were distributed to all present and had been previously emailed to members with email addresses and posted on the SR-Illinois Website (<http://sril.gradeless.com>). Motion to approve the minutes was made by Thomas Siegel, second by Rex Gradeless. Passed.

President Gradeless reported on the Winter Encampment Meeting co-hosted by the SR-Illinois held the second Tuesday of November-March each winter in Avon Park, Florida. At the January 8th 2013 Winter Encampment Luncheon President Gradeless presented SR-Illinois Patriot James Hutchinson with a certificate in recognition of his 62 years as a member of the SR-Illinois. Jim was 36 years old when he joined the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Illinois in 1951. Several generations of Hutchinson have belonged and served as officers of the SR-Illinois. Jim's father Rolo Hutchinson was President in 1950-51 and Jim's uncle Kermit Hutchinson served as our President 1967-1969.

Vice President Siegel reported that he had been successful in reserving Meeting Room A at the Naperville City Hall for our October 19th meeting. Secretary reports that meeting notices had been sent but we still need Emails as the majority of the members have not provided Emails. Notices can be sent by email faster, easier and less cost to the society.

Treasurer Robert Johnson distributed the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Johnson reported he had opened Savings and Checking account at Chase and the Chase Bank he deals with does not require corporate officers signature to open accounts. A discussion on opening the account without the President and Secretary's knowledge and signatures was discussed. Treasurer Johnson reported that he had asked President Gradeless to sign a letter to the Wells Fargo Advisors appointing him as Chairman of Investments which President Gradeless had not complied with. He then had asked Vice President Siegel to send a letter to Wells Fargo Advisors stating that he was elected Treasurer and was in charge of investments and Vice President Siegel had also refused by stating it would be discussed at the June 1st meeting. President Gradeless again stated we discussed the Chairman of Investments at the last meeting and that he was not making a change in that Chairmanship. The Chairman of investments had been appointed by President Rati who had the members vote to confirm that appointment. Rex Gradeless is and will remain the Chairman of Investments. A discussion was held on opening accounts without the necessary signatures and that the treasurer only manages the checking accounts and collecting and paying current obligations of the society. The Chairman of Investments manages the other financial assets of the society. Vice President Siegel informed Treasurer Johnson on the proper role of the treasurer. The financial reports since Treasurer Johnson was elected was discussed. The treasurer reported that he had sent a \$14 reimbursement check for filing the annual registration report with the Illinois Secretary of State. That check had not been received. The Treasurer reporting sending \$582.50 to the General society but had failed to include that in the Treasurer's report. The \$15.00 payment shown on the report was the reported to be for \$14.00 reimbursement check. The Treasurer reported he had deposited dues checks for all

members but that amount was not shown on the treasurer's Report. Since the report was not in balance and lacked the basic essentials of a financial report and the various questions concerning receipts and payments under the Treasurer's control were not being answered to anyone's satisfaction; the President asked for a motion to accept the report for audit which was made by Vice President Siegel and seconded by Rex Gradeless. Passed. The Treasurer stated he would prepare a new report.

Registrar Gradeless reported that there were no new applications processed. Membership inquiries and correspondence had been ongoing with Brian Paul Kaess <BKaess@hotmail.com>, Marc Collins <MCollins@rivernorth.com>, Chris Heath <CHeath1984@hotmail.com>.

In the absence of our GSSR Representative, President Gradeless reported about the move and changes at the GSSR headquarters which was recently moved to Williamsburg, Virginia. Reports are now received back from the GSSR generally in a few days rather than several weeks. Details on changes at the GSSR headquarters are still being reported in the Flintlock and Powder Horn. There were no written communications or new business.

Robert Johnson denied his allegations of wrong doing he had made against the President and Chairman of Investments. He had stated he was pressing charges and would present evidence of their wrong doing at this meeting. President Gradeless stated we would now follow a policy that charges and evidence must be provided in writing to the board before actions against members can be brought by a member. Only after written evidence and charges were received by at least two members of the Board would the matter come to consideration by action of the board rather than at the request of a member without proofs of any wrong doing.

October 19, 2013 will be the SRIL Annual Meeting in Meeting Room A at Naperville City Hall Hosts will be Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Siegel. Our Winter Encampment Luncheons will be held monthly at the Hotel Jacaranda in Avon Park Florida on the 2nd Tuesday beginning in November 2013 and ending in March 2013. Members in the area are encouraged to attend. Details at: <http://lineage.gradeless.com/AvonPark.htm>. Sites, hosts and activities, speakers for 2014 meetings are needed. Volunteers for SRIL Offices are need for the 2014 elections.

Treasurer Johnson announced that he would be resigning immediately since he was disappointed that no one would help him in his position. He announced he would send every record and document to the previous treasurer. President Gradeless accepted his resignation. President Gradeless asked if he would now surrender the Secretary records and the Flags back to the society. Mr. Johnson reported that he would now turn those over to Vice President Siegel. Vice President Siegel agreed to accept those documents and items for the society. Rex Gradeless agreed to serve as Treasurer Pro Tem stating he would prefer not to serve and asked that we seek a qualified candidate before he would accept being appointed to finish the remaining term. An email will be sent to members asking for volunteers with some knowledge of accounting who would accept appointment to the position of Treasurer.

Motion to adjourn made by Rex Gradeless. Passed. Closing prayer given by our Chaplain Father Scott Archer. The members then toured Naperville's River Walk and their many impressive sights and went to lunch at Egg Harbor. Everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon in Naperville.

Respectfully submitted

Father Scott Archer
Acting Recording Secretary

Luncheon topics of discussion were on membership. Failing to get members to attend meetings or recruiting new members and new officers; that we should again consider either merging with another society or transferring our life members into surrounding societies and then dissolving the SR-Illinois. Emails will be sent to members to get their inputs before the next meeting and this will be placed on the agenda.