



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
General Pleasonton Camp #24

MINUTES OF THE CAMP MEETING
October 17, 2017

Meeting at the Albany City Library was called to order by Commander Ken Felton at 6:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members in attendance: Brothers Brad Schall, Brad Hatton, Ken Felton, John Gee, Steve Johnson, and Jeffrey Vaillant. Patti Schall came as a visitor.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Brother Johnson reported that as of September 30th, the camp has \$579, \$200 of which is in the Braden Schall Memorial Fund.

The Living History Day on Alcatraz last month was discussed. Brothers Steve Johnson and Gary Hormel did Fort Alcatraz tours, Jeffrey Vaillant helped with the lunches, Ken Felton gave out information about the Sons and had a display, and Frank Avila had a medical display of Civil War surgical instruments. **Action:** It was decided to send a letter of thanks to the artillery re-enactors who came all the way from Nevada to help out in the Living History Day.

The turnout of re-enactors for LH Day was small. Brother Schall described how camps and re-enacting groups are shrinking due to lack of new blood. Brother Johnson said he had sent letters to JROTC officers in San Francisco offering our services as guides at Fort Point, lecturers, and presenter of the Patriotic Award and had no responses. **Action:** Brother Schall offered to give contact information to Brother Johnson of Col. Walter Levin, the head of the Veteran's organization in San Francisco, who can make introductions to those officers.

Brother Felton will be going to the Fresno re-enactment this month and will take some Sons membership forms with him. **Action:** It was decided to obtain a supply of membership forms to give to our members so they have them for recruitment. Brother Johnson will order them.

Brother Schall proposed that instead of always having monthly meetings always at the library, which is hard for a number of us to attend, that we have meetings at the monthly events in which we participate (such as Fort Point in Jan. and Aug., Alcatraz in April and October, the Presidio in May, etc.) The idea received favorable responses from the group, and it was moved, seconded, and voted that from now on we will have our meetings sometimes at monthly events and sometimes at the library in Albany. Meetings will be determined and announced by the Commander and the Senior Vice-commander.

Brother Schall also proposed that since our numbers are small, we continue with the present officers for the sake of continuity, and if we receive any new members, we can offer them a position. The idea was discussed and it was moved, seconded, and voted that we would keep the present officers: Ken Felton, Commander; John Gee, Vice-commander; Steve Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer; Jeffrey Vaillant, Council Member; Gary Hormel, Council Member. Brother Brad Hatton was offered the position of Junior Vice-commander and he accepted.

There will be no camp meetings in November or December due to the holidays. The next camp meeting will be at Fort Point on their Civil War Day, now tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 27th. At that time there will be an investiture of camp officers from our camp and possibly another camp.

Membership dues are not officially owed until January; however, if you wish to avoid the needling and badgering of the camp treasurer, you can pay the \$30 camp dues ahead of time. Please make checks payable to SUVCW, camp 24.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Johnson
Secretary/Treasurer, Camp 24
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