



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

MINUTES OF THE CAMP MEETING
October 17, 2018

Meeting at the Albany City Library was called to order by Commander Ken Felton at 6:40 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members in attendance: Brothers Ken Felton, John Gee, Steve Johnson, Dale Smith, Shane Bridger, and guests Robert Mayer and Chris Wimmer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Brother Johnson reported that the camp has \$789.25 in our account with Union Bank.

Camp Business:

- Brother Ken Felton talked about his experience at the National Encampment, during which they visited Fort Warren in Boston Harbor and the G.A.R. Museum in the city of Boston, which at one time had the largest post in the country
- Brother Ken showed us a roster of the Garfield Camp in San Francisco in the early 1900's on a nice parchment paper, in elegant handwriting. He suggested we do the same for our camp for posterity, and Brother Steve will work on this project
- Brother Shane talked about visiting the grave of his Union ancestor in Missouri, which has a G.A.R. medallion on it. It was a moving experience for him to finally see it.
- Brother We debated the idea of having our meetings at the Hayward Veterans Hall, which used to be the meeting place of the East Bay G.A.R. For some it is a longer drive to get there, for others it is closer. The manager of the Hall would really like us to have our meetings there as descendants of the G.A.R., and has said he'd waive all fees if we met there every month. Many Veteran's groups meet there, which could be a source of recruitment. We concluded that we will try having our February meeting there and see how it works for our members. Details will follow.
- The current officers at the meeting have all agreed to stay in the same office for next year: Ken Felton as Camp Commander, John Gee as Senior Vice-commander, and Steve Johnson as Secretary/Treasurer. This was agreed to by acclamation of those present.
- It was moved (Smith) and seconded (Gee) that Robert Mayer be welcomed back as a member of Camp 24. He will transfer his membership from Camp 1 in Kentucky, where he was living for much of this year. It was also moved and seconded that he be appointed to the office of Junior Vice-commander, once his transfer is officially completed.
- It was moved (Gee) and seconded (Bridger) that we accept Chris Wimmer as an Associate of our camp.

Coming up:

- Civil War Revisited, Fresno, October 20-21 Brother Ken will attend
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11 Brother Ken will try to attend

There will be no camp meetings in November or December.

The next camp meeting will be in January at Fort Point during Living History Day. Camp officers will be installed and a short meeting will take place. All members are encouraged to attend. The date will be announced soon.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Johnson
Secretary/Treasurer, Camp 24