



# Sons of the American Revolution

## Ohio Society

Organized April 22, 1889

### National Trustee Report Spring 2020 Quarter Meeting

February 29, 2020

The National Society Trustees met on Saturday, February 29, 2020 during the Spring 2020 Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY. Attending from the Ohio Society for the three day Conference were: Steve Hinson (and Venie), Troy Bailey (and Chris), Jack Bredenfoerder (and Laurie), Steve Frash (Steve had a compatriot from Marietta Chapter accompany him), Elwin Spray (and wife), Tim Ward, Joe Dooley, Mike Gunn and myself.

#### **Presentations:**

- PG Mike Tomme presented a slideshow demonstrating the redesigned national website and its user-friendly nature.
- Paul Callanan gave an update on the 130<sup>th</sup> Congress in July in Richmond, Va.
- Solid Light presented on update on the SAR Education Center and Museum. The 6,000 square foot interactive museum is being funded by donations, not dues, and the targeted funding completion date for the next phase is Spring 2021.

#### **Recommendations From Executive Committee:**

- Approve Phase 2, Step 3a and Phase 2, Step 3b contracts with Solid Light, subject to funds available – **PASSED**
- Approve the following application fee increases; Regular, Junior, Memorial and Supplemental Memberships from \$80 to \$100, New Member Regular, 18-25 with established lineage, from \$35 to \$40, Under the Family plan Regular, Junior and Supplemental raised to \$40, all changes become effective upon the approval and adjournment of the 2020 Congress – **PASSED**
- That the Board of Trustees decline to bring a lawsuit against the shipping agent for the 2019 National Congress – **PASSED**
- Approve six (6) near term maintenance projects and one (1) near term appearance project to the SAR Headquarters building all with a target completion date during calendar year 2020 with funds not to exceed \$30,000 – **PASSED**
- Approve that \$25,000 be set aside to the Building Education Outreach Fund in a separate special purpose operating fund for long term repair and replacement projects as recommended by the Building Maintenance Committee and approved by the Trustees – **PASSED**

March 31, 2020

A letter was mailed to the National Trustees asking to grant authority to the Executive Committee to modify the plans for the 2020 National Congress, if needed, to a shortened Congress, a virtual Congress or to cancel Congress due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Final vote – Yea 92, Nay 2.

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May 2, 2020

A Special Meeting of the National Trustees was held via Zoom Teleconference to vote on four motions.

- Approve of seeking a loan through Fifth-Third Bank or another financial institution that provides Small Business Administration loans, pursuant to the terms of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), as such may be funded by the Federal Government, in an amount consistent with the requirements found in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, and to direct the NSSAR to use any funds received in such a manner as to maximize the chances that the loan will be forgiven as a grant consistent with the CARES Act. – **PASSED**
- Ratify the actions of the President General, Secretary General, Treasurer General, Chancellor General, Executive Director, Operations Director, and Finance Director in connection with investigating, reviewing, approving, applying for, or receiving funds through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). – **PASSED**
- Authorize the NSSAR to undertake, as soon as possible, a negotiation and execution of the annual renewal of the existing Fifth-Third Bank Line of Credit (LOC), expiring October 1, 2020, for the present amount of \$1,500,000 or, alternatively and preferably, negotiate and execute a revised LOC with Fifth-Third Bank or another financial institution for committed lines of up to five (5) years, in an amount not to exceed of \$1,500,000, subject to (a) annual renewals and (b) an interest rate calculation similar or less than the rate of the present LOC; and, further, that the appropriate individuals of the NSSAR be authorized to (a) execute the necessary LOC documents and (b) attest to a Resolution that the Board of Trustees has approved either the renewal or of a longer term of a LOC to be used, if such Resolution is required, for submission to the financial institution involved, upon the satisfactory conclusion of either of the negotiations for the renewal or of a longer term. – **PASSED**
- Motion to adjourn to May 16, 2020 at 2 pm, Eastern Time. – **PASSED**

Respectfully submitted,

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