

The First Defenders Civil War Round Table Newsletter

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Round Table Business

The May 10, 2016, First Defenders Civil War Round Table meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Inn at Reading by President Craig Breneiser. Member Greg Stull offered a prayer and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 60 members and guests in attendance.

This meeting concluded our 19th campaign since the round table's inception. Craig announced that Gary Hertzog would be taking over the book raffle duties as a result of Cate Kennedy's decision to step down. He also introduced a guest, Bob Fields, as well as a new member, Rob Reardon. He reminded us that Bob Sharitts had been hospitalized but was now home recuperating.

Lori Border, treasurer, and Barbara Shafer, meal captain, also resigned from their respective positions. Kathy Little will be taking over for meal captain. The election of officers was held. Many chose to remain in their current positions. Resignations were given by Cate Kennedy, Barbara Shafer, and Lori Border. Names and information of current officers is found at the end of this newsletter. Joe Schaeffer moved to accept the slate of candidates while Rodney LaPearl seconded the motion which was accepted unanimously.

Vice President

Mark Quattro announced that thirty name tags had been ordered and distributed. He anticipates taking new orders in August and September.

In the area of preservation, Mark announced that we had \$778.00 in the preservation fund not including the night's proceeds from the book raffle. He informed us of three Civil War Trusts' matching grants: Crossroads at 5:1 leverage; Appomattox at 8:1, and Power's Hill (Gettysburg) at 4.30: to 1. Our speaker for the evening, Don Scott, suggested a donation to the Camp William Penn Museum as well. \$100.00 was sent for each of these worthy causes for preservation.

Treasury

Treasurer **Lori Border** reported a beginning balance as of March 8, 2016, of \$2,914.60. Receipts totaled \$2520.30 with expenses of \$2455.44 leaving a balance of \$2979.46 on May 10, 2016.

Preservation had \$778.00 in its account.

Vice president, **Tim Antosy**, volunteered to take over the treasurer's position in the new season.

Membership

Membership chair Dave Sweigert announced that we finished the campaign with 103 members. Dave added that 72.5 people per event attended. These results are quite encouraging, and we hope for even more beginning our 20th campaign in September.

AAP

Barbara Shafer reported on the news from our Adopt-a-Position at Gettysburg. Seven round table members volunteered in April to check on and clean up the monuments that we are currently assigned. It was determined that the 6th PA monument needs to have painting done to the fences in the fall. Volunteers also decided to take on two more monuments.



Upcoming Events:

The Reamstown Historical Society Museum will be sponsoring Civil War Days on July 30, 2016. Our own members Craig Breneiser, Dave Fox, and Bob Shuman will be speaking. Reenactors from the 79th PA, the 1st Virginia Irish Brigade, and the 1st

Pennsylvania Regiment will be present. The events will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. rain or shine. Civil War photos, guns, and other artifacts will be on display as well.



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