

McTeer Camp Mess

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

January 10, 2017

For the first camp mess of 2017, meeting at Calhoun's in Maryville, Tennessee the following members were present:

Camp Commander Max Renfro, Richard Holmes, Sam Wilson, David McReynolds, George Lane, A. B. McTeer, Jason McTeer, Roy Gamble and Mike Downs (9 total)

Camp Commander Renfro called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM

Brother Holmes, the Camp's Graves Registration Officer, announced that there would be a new headstone placed at the Westview Cemetery in Sweetwater Tennessee for a Civil War soldier named James Hicks (Hix).

Brother Downs asked who was responsible for the electronic filing the Camp's 990N form. In the absence of the Camp Treasurer Brother Fidler, the National Treasurer, Brother McReynolds, responded that it could be either the Camp Secretary or the Camp Treasurer, and in regard to the timing it would depend on when the camp's fiscal year ended. A follow up with Brother Fidler is thus required.

Brother McReynolds read a brief final report from Camp Treasurer, Doug Fidler, declaring that the McTeer Camp had \$2192.28 in the bank.

Also discussed was another program for Private Benjamin Franklin. Brother Lane stated that he felt there had been too much of an emphasis on him because he was a member of the United States Colored Troops and that we needed to do other programs including ones that involved members of the local Sons of Confederate Veterans and which are aimed at stressing the heritage of the Civil War soldiers from East Tennessee.

Brother McReynolds presented a calendar to the Camp Mess for approval so that he could offer it to the East Tennessee Historical Society for posting on their web site. Once again it was decided that a review of some of the events were needed such as the Sultana, McTeer and Brownlow programs that the camp has put on in the past.

Camp Commander Renfro did establish the time of the quarterly camp meetings at 2 PM that are set to be held at the East Tennessee Historical Society. However he reiterated that there is a great need for speakers for these events.

The minutes were read by all camp members present with Brother Lane moving to accept them as presented with a second from Brother Gamble. The vote was unanimous.

Brother Lane discussed a program that the Knoxville Civil War Round Table was developing. When finalized the KCWRT could possibly be presenting \$500.00 grants for programs aimed at Civil War preservation. He urged us to look into possibly applying for a grant, when we know, in more detail, what the qualifications are.

Brother McReynolds asked the Camp if the group wanted to apply for the forth coming East Tennessee Historical Society awards. A confused discussion followed and I did not hear any determination made.

Brother Downs made a motion that any one not wearing their membership badge, if they have one, to a camp mess or quarterly meeting pay \$2.00 for the good of the McTeer Camp. Camp Commander Renfro made a friendly amendment that added forgetting the Camp Commander's gavel. Brother McReynolds noted that National Commander Martin requires that any National Officer forgetting their badges pay \$5.00 for the good of the clause. Brother Renfro seconded the proposal and all present voted in favor. \$4.00 dollars total was collected at the end of the Camp Mess from Brother Downs and Brother Renfro.

The camp mess broke up at 1:15 PM.

Submitted by Mike Downs, McTeer Camp secretary.