

## Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana Minutes December 3, 2011 Fall Meeting The South Branch Of the Kokomo Howard County Public Library, Kokomo, IN

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by President Mark Kreps. 1812 Members present: Mark Kreps, Allen Moore, Robert D. Rati, Alan Teller, Kevin Waldroup, and Peter Smith. One wife attended. Kevin Waldroup led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Allen Moore. Secretary Teller reported a quorum was present. President Kreps presented new member Peter Smith with a membership certificate. Each member introduced themselves with a few words. The minutes were read by Secretary Teller. Robert Rati made a motion to approve the Minutes of our last meeting, May 14, 2011; seconded by Kevin Waldroup; the motion passed. Secretary Teller, as Acting Treasurer, read the financial report saying we had a balance of \$3,052.76. He further explained our 2012 Per Capita payment to National of approximately \$218.00 was due before the end of 2011. Kevin Waldroup moved we accept the Treasurers Report; Allen Moore seconded; the motion passed. No additional Officer reports were submitted.

Old Business: President Kreps gave our Charter to Robert Rati, Historian, for safe keeping. A discussion ensued concerning framing the Charter. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Robert Rati will bring a copy of the Charter to the next meeting. Alan Teller gave a report on the 1812 Veterans Graves Registration Project. An appeal was made for members to gather names of 1812 Veterans from the counties they reside in. President Kreps reported on the ongoing discussion with the Indiana State Society Daughters of 1812 on cooperating to create a digital data base on-line for both organizations and the public use. This could be a mutually beneficial way to get our name and presence in the public eye. They are discussing the idea. Kevin Waldroup talked about our presence on Facebook and invited all to join. President Kreps discussed his presence and the contacts he made at several 1812 events in Indiana; Muster on the Wabash, Fort Knox II, Mississinewa 1812, and Tippecanoe Battlefield – 200<sup>th</sup> Commemoration.

New Business: President Kreps talked about his desire to have at least two grave dedications in 2011. They will be for veterans graves located in Delaware and Randolph counties. He encouraged all members to organize a ceremony for their 1812 Veterans buried in Indiana. President Kreps presented a copy of the proposed Certificate of Appreciation and the guidelines, an internal document, for presenting the certificate. The guidelines had two options, "a" and "b", for each of the first four; and offered a total of six guidelines. Kevin Waldroup made a motion to accept the certificate as was presented along with the guidelines as presented using the option "a" for the first four plus five and six as is. Add a statement to exclude presentation to 1812 Members, except as stated in item 6, to the introduction or beginning statement for the guidelines. Seconded by Robert Rati; the motion passed. Secretary Teller made a motion: That presenters send information on any presentation, who presented, to whom presented, where presented, date presented, and for what presented, to the Secretary. Kevin Waldroup seconded; the motion passed. President Kreps displayed an aluminum Grave Marker that said "War of 1812" and acts as a flag holder. It can be purchased for about \$15 plus S & H. President Kreps discussed creating an Indiana map for schools to use showing events and people connected to the War of 1812 in Indiana. President Kreps asked for further input from members. We will discuss this further at our next meeting. Our next meeting, Woodstock Country Club, May 19, 2012, is to be a joint meeting with the SR, CW, and Pilgrims. Allen Moore made a motion to adjourn; Kevin Waldroup seconded; motion passed. Allen Moore gave the benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Alan Teller, Secretary