

The meeting date for our annual congress was again discussed. There are many factors involved, but the main concern is to maintain a weekend date for maximum attendance by our members. On the other hand, we need to coordinate our meeting with the Sons of The Revolution so as to be a part of their activities on the Fourth of July whatever day it falls. That group includes our appointed "bell tappers" in their annual Fourth of July program. Grace Stallings advised that the cost of our meetings will be increasing at the Omni for both the rooms and banquet in the near future. There were proposals to have the banquet on the evening program after the board meeting. There was a suggestion that we develop a type of memento given to those attending the annual congress in the year 2000. There was a proposal that a bus be rented to visit certain historical monuments or events in Philadelphia and the surrounding area. This was eliminated as being a too costly addition to the already ever increasing expense.

The grave marker project (gravesite of each signer) report by Ann Leadbetter revealed some interesting results. Ann has investigated the style and cost of a simple marker. The die for the DSDI designed face could be done for about \$300.00. Her concern was the additional cost for each individual identification as being about \$260.00. She will give another report at a future meeting.

Ruth Hagan suggested that the use of the old style of micro-filming documents be replaced with the use of the new cd-rom method which is more readily usable.

Dick Corson wants more emphasis placed on encouraging the support of our "sustaining fund". This was established some years ago to help offset some of the increasing expense of our meetings.

Barbara reported on the signer plaque walk installed on Chesnut Street located in the next block just west of Independence Hall. These plaques were discovered and under the guidance of Mayor Randell, they were strategically placed in a line on the south side of Chesnut Street which almost completely filled the entire block. Some of the local DSDI members were invited to attend the ceremony of dedication. Each attendee was presented with an attractive name tag with a red, white, and blue ribbon. She asked those responsible if our society could copy the design and be used by our members at large.

There has been a suggestion that we discontinue the use of heredity membership applications. Due to the convenience and practicality of forms, we have decided to retain their use.

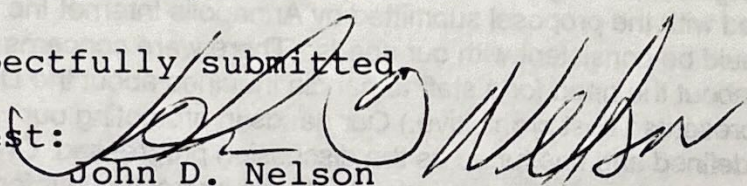
Sandy Stromberg suggested that we add some better identification to our present logo. This will be reported on at a later date.

President Pyne concluded the meeting with a report on the general state of our organization. Most of the goals and projects are in various states of progress and organization.

Barbara Kalbfleisch was called on to give a closing prayer.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

attest:


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