

Squires Minutes: 11/10/2022

Joe Watts, President, opened the meeting at noon and called on Bill Helm to offer “Words of Reflection.” Bill read a brief piece acknowledging the service of veterans. It was specially fitting on the day before Veterans Day.

During lunch Joe introduced Gordon Terwilliger, a past member, who was applying for reinstatement. Gordon’s request was approved by voice vote. Gordon’s guest, Michael Mulcahy was then introduced by Gordon and welcomed by all. Richard Beffa who had been proposed by Jon Bellis, was introduced again and approved by voice vote. Final introduction was Peter Machen presenting Rodney Buttrey to the group.

Two business items were also covered. Jon Bellis asked for comment about the proposed revisions to the bylaws that had previously been emailed to everyone. The revisions were approved. Garry Keane was called on next for a report on the website. Garry briefed the group on its progress noting that it will be fully operational shortly.

Art Rosen followed with a talk titled, “The Thanksgiving Story Rarely Told.” Art began with an outline of western religion in the 1600s. This established the context for the movement of both the Pilgrims and Puritans. The two groups were outlined along with the Wampanoags, the Native Americans they first met. Circumstances were such that eventual conflict was inevitable. Native Americans were suffering disease, were disorganized, and had inferior weapons. It was only a short time before they were eliminated as a force. Art concluded in saying, it was a classic case of social darwinism: the more powerful gained the land, the less powerful faced defeat.

The meeting ended with Garry Keane announcing that William Ogmundson, a classically trained pianist, would be our guest performer at the Holiday Luncheon. Garry urged everyone to make an early reservation.

Submitted:

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