

Chapter President
Steve Manis
Chapter Vice President
Robyn Davis
Chapter Secretary
Clark Wright



Chapter Treasurer
Bill Mayo
Media
Robert Gindratt
Quartermaster
Larry Armstrong

Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

January 15, 2019

The Sidney Sherman Chapter #2, Sons of the Republic of Texas gathered at Kelley's Family Restaurant in Texas City before 6 PM. on January 15.

President Steve Manis called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Ronnie Schoolcraft gave the invocation and led us in the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flag.

Honored Guests: Ron Brown, Knight of San Jacinto

New Members: President Manis announced that we have several new members and several applications in progress.

Installation: Ron Brown installed the 2019 chapter officers.

Chapter Members attending: Larry Armstrong (Quartermaster), Thomas Aucoin, Jim Cantrell, Robyn Davis, Robert Gindratt (Media), Albert Seguin Gonzales, J.B. Kline, Steven Manis (President), Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Doug McBee, Mike Mitchell, Mike Mize, Rodney Mize, Ronnie Schoolcraft, Mike Turner, David Ware, and Clark Wright (Secretary), and Gene Wueste. A total of 20 members attended.

Guests attending: included Helena Aucoin, Doris Barnes, Chaille Manis, Linda McBee, Leslye Mize, Frank Schwalm, Catherine Wheat and 2 Fountains for a total of 11 guests.

Minutes of recent meetings are all available online on the Chapter Web Site. The chapter **Treasurer** reported over 4000 dollars in the bank account.

Recent Chapter Activities: Steve went over the activities of the last several months. Officers were elected in November. Unfortunately, a conflict occurred about the December schedule and we had to cancel the Christmas get together. Chapter members attended several Christmas parades: Tomball, Pearland, Texas City, Friendswood, Dickinson and Clear Lake Shores. We also had members attend the December 8 cleaning of the Mirabeau B. Lamar Monument.

Upcoming activities: We hope to have several members attend the Mirabeau B. Lamar Ceremony to be held in the Morton Cemetery January 25. Steve asked if the membership has interest in either a barbecue for the Coast Guard station located on FM 2004, or in attending the Texas City Mardi Gras Parade February 16. Besides our effort for San Jacinto (well underway) the Chapter participates in the ceremony to be held in October at Lakeview Cemetery commemorating the final day of the David G. Burnet administration of the Republic. Steve indicated that the chapter should mount an effort to clean the statue of Sidney Sherman located at the corner of 8th Street and Broadway.

Upcoming National Events: We expect to have chapter participation in the celebration of Independence Day on March 2 in Houston. Steve encouraged all to attend the "Dawn at the Alamo" to be held in San Antonio March 6. The Annual Meeting of the Sons of the Republic of Texas will be held March 15-17 in Beaumont. Remember also the annual remembrance of Goliad on March 27.

Old Business: none

New Business: Steve indicated that Chapter Jackets can still be purchased.

Speaker: Our speaker for this meeting was **Kimber Fountain** who is currently working on her third book about Galveston. Her first was "**The Seawall Chronicles**", while the talk this evening was regarding "**The Line**" which is the title of her second book. "Known today as a colorful resort destination featuring family entertainment and a thriving arts district, Galveston was once notorious for its flourishing vice economy and infamous red-light district.

"Called simply 'The Line', the unassuming five blocks of Postoffice Street came alive every night with wild parties and generous offerings of hourly love. A stubborn mainstay of the island cityscape for nearly 70 years, it finally shut down in the late 1950s. But ridding Galveston of prostitution would prove much more difficult than putting a padlock on the front door.

"Kimber Fountain pursues the sequestered story of women who wanted to make their own rules and the city that wanted to let them."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary