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Minutes

March 19, 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 February 19.

Steve Manis opened the meeting at 6:33 PM. Vice president Robyn Davis provided us with an invocation and led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

We had **No New Members** to acknowledge. Tom Green represented **Knights of San Jacinto** at this meeting.

Chapter Members attending: George and Larry Armstrong, Thomas Aucoin, Jim Cantrell, Robyn Davis, Robert Gindratt (Media), Albert Seguin Gonzalez, J.B. Kline, Scott Lea MD, John Lucas, Steven Manis, Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Doug McBee, Jr., Mike Mitchell, Mike Mize, Rodney Mize, Ron Schoolcraft, Frank Schwalm, Clark Wright (Secretary), Barry Wolfe and Gene Wueste. Twenty nine (22) members attended and 7 guests.

Guests attending: included Helena Aucoin, James Bevill, Roman Lopez, Chaille Manis, Linda McBee, Dianne McLean and Ron Sapaugh[sic].

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

Recent Chapter Activities: Steve reported that the Richmond Chapter appears to be doing very well and is growing as has ours over the last several years. Several prospective locals attended the Texas Independence day event. We also had members attend the Ceremony in Houston in Hermann Park. The Chapter had several members attend the ceremony held in San Antonio commemorating Dawn at the Alamo. Four members also attended the 97th Annual Meeting of the Society held in Beaumont. We were enormously disappointed that our Scrapbook did not receive the award for best, considering that it was actually better than that which won last year. As well, we were surprised that the Chapter did win the William Gordon Bachman award having the best improvement in membership for the award. Considering the award was named for the ancestor of the Chapter Secretary and originated in the early 1990s by his brother who was Chancellor of the Society at the time. Robyn Davis moved that Clark Wright should hold the award. Jim Cantrell seconded the motion, approved by acclamation. We discussed the scrapbook further Albert Seguin Gonzales moved that the chapter should have a photo of Chaille in our scrapbook describing her dedication to our SRT Chapter and her tireless work in composing and maintaining The Sidney Sherman Chapter #2 scrapbook. This motion was seconded by J.B. Kline and others. This motion was approved by acclamation.

Upcoming activities: Chapter attention now turns to activities which will occur at the Battleground, San Jacinto in April. The Ceremony itself will be held inside the Monument on Easter Sunday, April 21. But more especially, we need help to man our booth at the

Festival and Re-enactment which will be held April 13 a full week before the Ceremony. Please do not forget that this affect our own membership meeting which will be held the second Tuesday on **April 9**, instead of the 16th. The May meeting will be the third Tuesday.

Upcoming National Events: San Jacinto!

Speaker: Our speaker for this meeting was James Bevill. Jim is an Honorary member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. He received his membership due to his countless presentations on Texas, his tireless work for the preservation of Texas history and his literary work on Texas history. On his certificate of membership is stated "For Work on Preserving the Economic and Financial History of the Republic of Texas". Mr. Bevel is the author of "Paper Republic", which entails the financing of Texas and the Texas Revolution. He not only touched on the story behind the book but also how the book came about and the documentation gathered. Most of us, because of our interest in Texas history know that the Republic was in financial trouble from the get-go! Since 2011 James has collected an enormous number items of tremendous interest regarding Numismatic issues of early Texas.

At 7:50 Steve called for the adjournment of the meeting.

Four of your chapter officers met at Kelley's on April 2 between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM. As a chapter we depend upon a successful celebration of the remembrance of the Battle at San Jacinto. In spite of the cancellation of this year's celebration, this activity will continue to receive our attention and support. The purpose of this meeting was to diligently seek other means of raising money for chapter activities to "perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas".

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