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Minutes

August 20, 2019

The members of the Sidney Sherman Chapter #2, Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) gathered at Kelley's Family Restaurant in Texas City before 6 PM. on August 20.

Vice-President Robyn Davis opened the meeting at 6:33 PM providing the invocation and leading us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

We had no **Knights of San Jacinto** and no **new members** at this meeting.

Chapter Members attending: George Armstrong, Larry Armstrong, Thomas Aucoin, Richard Barnes, Robert Bear, Jim Cantrell, Robyn Davis (Vice President), David Dillard, Robert Gindratt (Media), Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Doug McBee, Mike Mitchell, Mike Mize, Rodney Mize, Don Sapaugh, Jimmy Schalm, Barry Wolfe and Clark Wright. **Guests attending:** Helena Aucoin, Christy Erickson, Linda McBee, Lynne Mize, and Pat Sapaugh. We had a total of 18 members and 6 guests attended this meeting.

Minutes of the July meeting are available online on the Chapter Web Site. Doug McBee moved to accept the minutes, as online. Billy Mayo seconded the motion which passed without dissent. The chapter **Treasurer** reported just over 3400 dollars in the bank.

Recent Chapter Activities: Robyn reported that all who attended Astros Baseball game had a good time, and fellowship with SRT members from other chapters. The cleaning of the monument in Lakeview Cemetery was satisfactory, except on one side where rain had affected the action of the solvent. He indicated that President Mannis would let the membership know when we need to repeat the treatment.

Upcoming activities: In September we will commemorate "Texian Navy Day" on the 21st day, and on October 4 and 5, we hope to be in Goliad for the remembrance of "Come and Take It"

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Upcoming National Events: "Texian Navy Day" will be celebrated September 21st the Saturday after our own meeting September 17th. In October on the the people of Gonzales will commemorate the events of 1836 when the Mexican Army attempted to confiscate cannons at their city.

Speaker: Robyn gave a brief introduction of Denton Florian of Spring who indicated that he had found memories of LaMarque as a young man and was glad to present his material to the chapter members. Besides the DVD disks and mugs, he brought along one of the Emmy Award that he had received as Executive Producer of **Sam Houston: American Statesman, Soldier and Pioneer**. Denton began by showing the Introduction which he presented as a short synopsis of the movie. What followed was an excellent time-line of Houston's life beginning with

the move from Virginia to the west in what is now Tennessee. Denton indicated that Houston was no scholar, but was lucky enough to have access to the family library of Classics. Houston could quote many passages from the Illiad. Denton made the point that Houston had no love of mathematics, but that he taught school in order to pay a debt. He fought under the command of Andrew Jackson, with whom he formed a bond that would last his life time. Denton followed the time line of Houston's life, pointing out that he was a patriot of the United States of America to the end, vehemently oppose the secession of Texas and vacated the governors office into which he ha been legitimately held when the citizens of Texas cose to leave that Republic. Above all, Denton said that Houston was a Classic patriot for the National cause of the U.S.A. even though his predictions were dire for both the Republic and the Confederacy.

Robyn adjourned the meeting about 7:50 P.M.

A few of the officers met at Kelley's for lunch on September 11. We discussed plans for the up-coming meeting and other activities expected in the near future. Further details will be provided at the September meeting.

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