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Minutes

October 15, 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 October 15.

President Steven Manis opened the meeting at 6:34 PM. Vice-President Robyn Davis provided the invocation and led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Tom Green represented our **Knights of San Jacinto** and no **new members** Attended this meeting.

Chapter Members attending: George Armstrong, Larry Armstrong, Thomas Aucoin, Robert Bear, Dan Burnett, Jim Cantrell, Robyn Davis (Vice President), Robert Gindratt (Media), Albert Seguin Gonzales, J.B. Kline, Steve Manis (President), Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Ron Schoolcraft, David Ware, Clark Wright (Secretary) and Gene Wueste. **Guests attending:** Helena Aucoin, Chaille Manis, and Carol Mitchell. We had a total of 21 members and 3 guests attending this meeting.

We did not meet in September due to Tropical Storm Imelda. **Minutes** of the August meeting are available online on the Chapter Web Site as are those of previous meetings. The chapter has over 3000 dollars in the chapter bank account.

Ancestor Roll Call: Members each provided a short synopsis about their ancestor's contribution to the Republic.

Recent Chapter Events: Robyn Davis reported that the Monuments commemorating action a Vince's Bridge had been obscured by brush and that some had been cleared but that vigilance will be needed so that the public can appreciate the history of that place. This years Texian Navy Day at San Jacinto had to be canceled.

Upcoming Events: Participation is needed for the ceremony Thursday October 17 in Lakeview Cemetery located off 61st Street in Galveston. The choir from the Burnett Elementary School should be in attendance. Your officers have set December 10 as the Christmas get together.

Upcoming National Events: There will be two activities to celebrate the birthday of Stephen F. Austin this year. On November 1st we hope to attend a ceremony in Angleton off Highway 288 at the larger than life Statue of Austin. Then on November 2nd there will be a ceremony at the San Felipe De Austin Museum in the town of San Felipe.

New Business: On November 11 we will present the second annual Barnes/Forward Award, sponsored by the Chapter at the High School in Santa Fe.

Speaker: "Great Lakes-born Peter Rindlisbacher is a full time historical marine artist, a Texas Navy Association 'admiral', and honorary SRT member. Museums and historic sites in the U.S. and Canada have purchased many of his oil paintings, while print editions of his work have been sold as fundraisers for various historic groups. His images have appeared in over fifty book jackets, and in a number of video productions such as the History Channel and National Geographic. Mr. Rindlisbacher has done work for the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard. He currently lives in Katy, TX, working on various commissions and a series of paintings featuring scenes from the Texas Navy." Mr. Rindlisbacher's (Peter) talk was about the Great hurricane season of 1837 which included "Racers Storm" being named after a British warship grounded off Belize during this storm. The hurricane began in the eastern Caribbean, passing over Galveston October 6-8, proceeding destructively on to Georgia. The storm devastated all shipping in its path, including the Texas Navy. In spite of the tragedy, this made it possible for the Texas Republic to develop unmolested by Mexico and any of the European Powers. Peter showed several of his paintings that show what storms do to the sailing ships of that time.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M. with a group photo taken after the meeting.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary, posted October 17