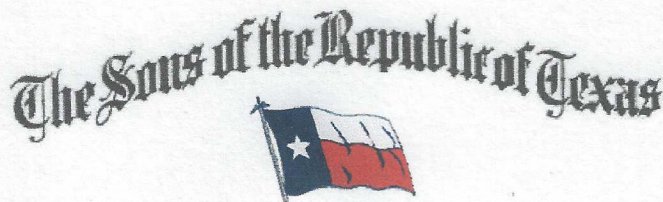


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## **Sidney Sherman Chapter #2**

### **Minutes**

**February 18, 2020**

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 February 18.

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

**Reports:** Secretary Clark Wright announced that the January Minutes are online and to direct any corrections his way by electronic mail. Treasurer Billy Mayo announced that the Chapter has just over 2500 dollars in it's bank account.

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

**Chapter Members attending:** George Armstrong, Larry Armstrong, Richard Barnes, Dan Burnett, Dan Caley, Jim Cantrell, Robyn Davis, Hugh Ferguson, Doug Fullilove, Robert Gindratt (Media), Albert Seguin Gonzales, J.B. Kline, John Lucas, Steve Manis (President), Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Andrew Peters, Ron Schoolcraft, Mike Turner, Clark Wright (Secretary) and Gene Wueste (Vice President). 21 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 30 in attendance.

**Guests attending:** Linda Caley, Bryan Kirkpatrick, David Macy, Darren Merryman, Betty Miller, Diane Miller, and Carol Mitchell.

**Honorary Members attending:** Christy Erickson, Chaille Manis and Carol Mitchell

#### **Recent Chapter Events:**

January 24 - Lamar Ceremony in Richmond

#### **Upcoming Events:**

February 19 - Anson Jones Ceremony - Glenwood Cemetery in Houston

February 22 - Conroe Rodeo Parade

February 24 - La Porte - Texas Independence Day Proclamation

March 2 - Texas Independence Day - Herman Park Houston at 10 A.M.

→ afternoon at Washington on the Brazos 2 P.M.

#### **Upcoming National Events:**

March 2 - Texas Independence Day: morning Houston, afternoon Washington on the Brazos

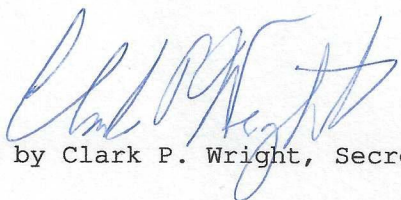
March 6 - Dawn commemorating Fall of the Alamo

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**Speaker:** Our speaker was Christie Erickson who grew up in a military family. Christie traveled and went to school in several different states and countries all over the world, including Greece, Germany, Okinawa, and twelve states. She was employed with Clear Creek ISD as the District Internal Auditor for 12 years and now owns her own consulting business, Yellow Rose Tax & Financial Services, LLC. She is a member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Speakers Committee, a member of Western Heritages' History Live and an honorary member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, Sidney Sherman Chapter. Christie presented her rendition of the life of Emily West Morgan, aka "Yellow Rose of Texas" (b.1815), who was a folk heroine whose legendary activities during the Texas Revolution have come to be identified with the song "The Yellow Rose of Texas". Morgan was a free woman of color, or a "high yellow" as was used in those times, born in New Haven, Connecticut. In 1835 she was contracted to Captain James Morgan in New York to work as an indentured servant for one year in Morgan's Point, Texas, and at the New Washington Association's hotel as a housekeeper as repayment for her relocation to Texas. On April 16, 1836, West and other residents of the hotel were kidnapped by General Antonio López de Santa Anna's Mexican cavalry, during their march to face the army led by Sam Houston. The captives were in the Mexican camp on April 21 when Houston's force attacked during the Battle of San Jacinto. According to accounts from members of Houston's army, Morgan was instrumental in detaining Santa Anna during the battle which ultimately led to his capture. Christie performed a "walk-around" posing in her bright yellow period gown for the chapter. After the walk-around, we discussed the history and Christie demonstrated the art of a number of accessories, such as her parasol, muff and fan. In addition to the material on Emily West Christie discussed the mystery surrounding the song "Yellow Rose of Texas" sharing a popular version and one found in the library at the University of Texas. Steve adjourned the meeting just after 8 PM. with a group photo taken after the meeting.

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