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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

March 16, 2021

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 March 16 in the banquet room behind the cashier.

President Ron Schoolcraft opened the meeting at 6:45 PM. Gene Wueste led us with an invocation and pledges to the United States and Texas Flags. Several members had guests whom they introduced. No Knights of San Jacinto were present. President Schoolcraft recognized two new members: Darby Herm and Jo Segress.

Chapter Members attending: Larry Armstrong, Robert Gindratt, Scott Langford, Steve Manis, Robert Gindratt (Second Vice President), Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Steve Nicol (Historian), Ron Schoolcraft (President), Clark Wright (Secretary) and Gene Wueste (Vice President). 11 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 13 in attendance.

Honorary Members attending: President Schoolcraft recognized Chaille Manis and Christie Erickson. Jo Segress was the only guest.

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 3800 dollars in it's bank account.

New Business: Ron discussed a Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) project. Steve Manis indicates the Battleship Texas has undergone some changes. It was near settling into the silt in it's slip. The some 50 pumps had been unable to overcome seepage. He provided us with an update to the goal of moving the Battleship Texas some time this year. Evidently a dry dock has been located and is expected to be located in Galveston to perform repairs. Steve indicated a move could be as early as May.

Speaker: Jim Nonus provided us with a lively presentation on the life and times of Jean Lafitte. Much of the presentation is based of the records made by Dr. Arsène Lacarrière Latour. Jim shared a number of his own documents outlining the life of Lafitte.

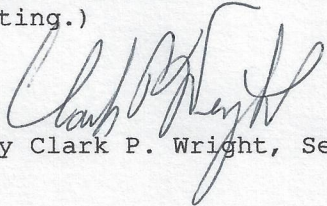
Upcoming Events:

President Schoolcraft indicated that as constraint are eased from restrictions due to the pandemic several activities are beginning to start up. The Lamar Ceremony will be held, as well as the remembrance of Goliad. Also, we expect some gathering at San Jacinto, even though some restrictions are expect to continue.

July 31 - SRT Annual Meeting at the Marriott Plaza in San Antonio

Ron adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

All chapter officers met at 1130hr Denny's in Texas City on March 30. President Schoolcraft presented the alternatives of our participation in the DRT paving project. The consensus was that we should participate and put the issue before the membership. Another consensus was that the 8x4 size would be inadequate, that we would desire at least an 8x8 paver. Several documents were shared regarding the upcoming activities, especially those at the San Jacinto Battleground April 17, and 19 through 22. The chapter intends to participate as it has in the past, with several changes. As in the past participants need to arrive at the Battleground between 0730 and 0800hr in order to obtain a favorable parking place. Steve Manis, San Jacinto District Representative indicated that 8 chapters intend to have booths this year. The tent will be placed to the east of the monument (in the past they had been west, near the reflection pool) with parking east on the "Dumpster" Road. I include an image of the draft layout for the Celebration on April 17 on the web site, but one has to access it in the directory for March 30 (the day of our officers meeting.)



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