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## **Sidney Sherman Chapter #2**

Minutes May 18, 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 May 18 in the banquet room behind the cashier. President Schoolcraft announced that he would pass a hat for the door prize which is to be 2 tickets to the Bryan Museum.

President Ron Schoolcraft called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM. Yancey Arrington then led us in prayer after which Gene Wueste led us with the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags. Several members had guests whom they introduced. No Knights of San Jacinto were present and Steve Manis was introduced as Registrar General. President Schoolcraft swore Thatcher Arrington into the SRT.

Chapter Members attending: Larry Armstrong, Thatcher and Yancey Arrington, Hugh Ferguson, Robert Gindratt, Darby Herm, J.B. Kline, Steve Manis, Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Jim Nonus, Hayden and Marty Roberts, Ron Schoolcraft (President), Mike Turner, Clark Wright (Secretary) and Gene Wueste (Vice President). 17 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 24 in attendance.

Guest SRT Members attending: Harry Elmendorf +1, Albert Seguin Gonzales and Jo Segress

Honorary Members attending: Chaille Manis and Christie Erickson.

Other Guests James P Bevill who presented our program and Bobby Beddoe. Ron also recognized Joanna Fitzpatrick Wilson recently returned from the Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) in San Antonio and member of the Sidney Sherman Chapter Number One of the DRT.

**Old Business:** Ron thanked all those members who donated to the paver project. He has contacted the office in Austin and our paver has been ordered.

New Business: Ron announced that there is a meeting May 27 regarding an event to be held in November. Ron will be sending out more information, contact him or Steve.

Upcoming Events: Ron then introduced our speaker.

Speaker: JIM BeVill, Author of "Paper Republic" spoke on "Handwritten Promises in the Republic of Texas". This presentation takes the audience into the very personal nature of early Texas obligations, offering a rare glimpse at handwritten promises signed by such notables as Moses Austin, Ben Milam, James W Fannin, David G Burnet, Three Legged Willie, Almeron Dickinson, James W Robinson and Capt. Jack Hays of the Texas Rangers. This is the story of how this intricate network of handwritten promises, countersigned government issues, receipts, third party payments, legal documents and slave titles fit together to expand the human side of the financial story of those men and women who lived in and died for the Republic of Texas.

Door Prize: Ron presented the door prize.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary, 2021 June 16