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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

June 15 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 June 15 in the banquet room behind the cashier. President Schoolcraft called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM. Vice-President Wueste led us in prayer after which he 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 had no new members to swear in.

Chapter Members attending: Harry Elmendorf, Hugh Ferguson, Robert Gindratt, Steve Manis, Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Rodney Mize, Jim Nonus, Hayden and Marty Roberts, Ron Schoolcraft (President), Clark Wright (Secretary) and Gene Wueste (Vice President). 13 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 20 in attendance.

Guest SRT Members attending: Jo Segress

Honorary Members attending: Chaille Manis and Carol Mitchell.

Other Guests: Bobby Beddoe. Gina Manlove, and John Manlove

Old Business: Several Chapter members attended a meeting last Thursday in Pasadena regarding the Illumination planned for the San Jacinto Battleground. Tonight's program will cover this more thoroughly. We also had a good turnout for the dedication of the monument at the site near the Washburn Tunnel at the location near where Santa Ana was captured after the Battle of San Jacinto.

Upcoming Events: We will have one more meeting before the annual meeting to be held in San Antonio at the end of July. Steve Manis indicated that, more rooms were arranged because of the number of people planning to attend, and that rooms are still available (see the SRTTexas web site).

Ron introduced our speaker Gina Manlove.

Speaker: Gina indicated that the information presented could be easily found at their web site:

<https://texasmemorialilluminationatsanjacinto.com/>

In November a special event will be held at the battleground, similar to one held on the Antietam Battleground. This exhibition will display 21400 illuminaries (candles placed in paper bags) at the battleground, San Jacinto. The number is based on the estimated total number of war dead from Texas from the 1830s to the present. The project will require 10 teams of about 20 individuals working over several days. The ground has to be prepared (mowed), plat laid out and bags placed in the appropriate locations. Gina is appealing to organizations such as ours, youth, church etc. in order to get the job done. It is entirely volunteer.

Upon completion of her presentation, President Schoolcraft discussed several book that have been published regarding the 1936 battle and Steve Manis noted a book published about the Texian Navy and the plans for the day in September.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

The Chapter Officers met at Kelley's on Jul 12. Gene was busy on personal business, and Yancey is recovering from the incident at Clear Creek Community Church. His family is all vaccinated. All other officers attended. Ron discussed quarterly reports with Steve Manis. The District Representatives are supposed to get quarterly reports. Steve opened a discussion about chapter projects. The discussion settled into a discussion of uniforms, partially on those worn in the Texian and Texas Navies. Considering that the chapter is now loosing money on our dinners, the officers unanimously agreed that the price should be raised to twenty dollars beginning with the August meeting.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary, **PRELIMINARY**