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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

July 20, 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 July 20 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 of the Society. Ron indicated that Yancey Arrington is still occupied with personal business, his church is the Clear Creek Community Church where they are fighting the COVID virus. President Schoolcraft had no new members to swear in.

Chapter Members attending: Larry Armstrong, Paul Edinburgh, Harry Elmendorf, Hugh Ferguson, Robert Gindratt, Albert Seguin Gonzales, J.B. Kline, Steve Manis, Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Steve Nicol, Hayden Roberts, 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 22 in attendance.

Honorary Members attending: Christy Erickson

Other Guests: Adm. Gordon Blocker, Adm. Ann Hunn, Van Hunn

Business: Chapter officers met on July 12 and determined that we needed to charge more for our meals, considering that expenses on everything is increasing. Paul Edingburgh moved to set the price at \$20. Seve Manis seconded the motion which was passed by acclamation.

Speaker: President Schoolcraft then introduced our speakers Admirals' Ann Hunn and Beth Fisher. We were fortunate to have two speakers this month. Beth Fisher of the Texas Navy and DRT spoke on the topic: The Perilous condition in 1837 prompting the necessary and successful cruise of 1837. Admiral Ann Shafer of the Texas Navy and DRT: Ann co-authored a trilogy of children's historical fiction books on Texas Navy called "Terrific Tales of the Texas Navy". Ann travelled from city of Fort Worth with her bridegroom, Van T. Hunn to present her program to our chapter. Ann is bearing the full expense of this trip without compensation from our chapter. Beth lives in Houston. Ann has a passion for Texas Navy history and tells the story of the Texas Navy to anyone who will listen. She and Michelle Graham have written a trilogy of children's historical fiction books on the Texas Navy called "Terrific Tales of the Texas Navy". In addition to being co-author, Ann is the illustrator of the books. Ann and her husband are both descendants of Secretary of the Texas Navy, Samuel Rhoads Fisher. The story she presented is the story of what she considers

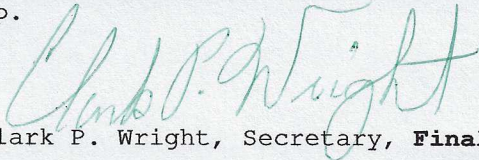
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to be the most significant events of the Texas Navy using her own books illustrations. Her cousin, Beth Fisher, also a descendant of Samuel Rhoads Fisher, joined Ann talk about the special significance of the Texas Navy's cruise in the Gulf of Mexico in 1837 (the topic of Ann's second book). Ann will have her books available for purchase, \$30 for the three books. She took cash or checks. The books are also available on the Texas Navy Association's website, on amazon.com or at the Pioneer Museum in Fredericksburg.

Upon completion of her presentation, President Schoolcraft gave gift cards from Olive Garden to both Ann and Beth. He then pulled name of Steve Nicol who gets the Battle of Goliad book.

Ron adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

The officers of the chapter met on 11:30 am August 13 at the I-HOP in La Marque. All officers attended, except for Larry Armstrong. The first subject discussed was a page is needed to promote membership in the SRT. One is available on the Facebook account of the Lone Star Chapter. We don't know when, but the next annual meeting will be held sometime in early 2022 at South Shore Harbor. Next, President Schoolcraft has a donation to be raffled at our next meeting, hopefully we will have a roll of tickets to sell at \$1 with a maximum of 5. This ought-ta be good! We spent some time discussing artifacts to be held by the chapter, this is a project discussed at the Annual Meeting held last month in San Antonio. The meeting of the Texian Navy to be held next month will not be held on the battleship due to the extensive repairs going on, but next to the sundial in the park next to the Battleship.



Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary, **Finalized August 18**