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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2**Minutes**

September 21, 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 September 21 in the banquet room behind the cashier. At 6:19 PM President Schoolcraft called the meeting to order. Vice-President Wueste led us in prayer and the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags. Steve Manis was introduced as our only Knight of San Jacinto present. Several guests were introduced and President Schoolcraft had no new members to swear in.

Chapter Members attending: George and Larry Armstrong, Robert Gindratt, Albert Seguin Gonzales, Steve Manis, Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Steve Nicol, Marty Roberts, Ron Schoolcraft (President), Clark Wright (Secretary) and Gene Wueste (Vice President). 12 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 16 in attendance.

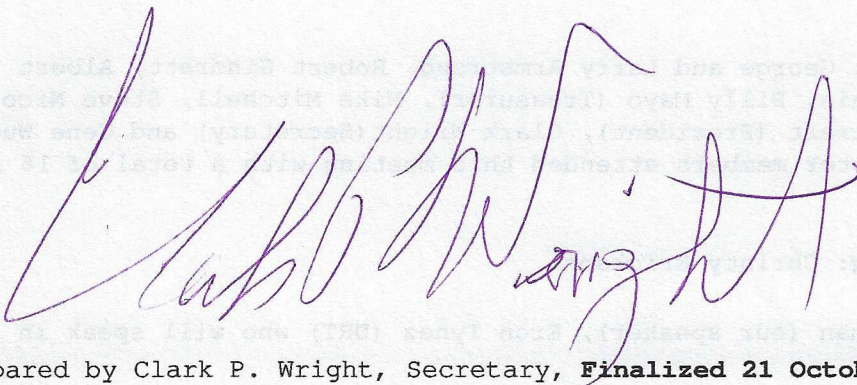
Honorary Members attending: Christy Erickson

Other Guests: Paul Spellman (our speaker), Eron Tynez (DRT) who will speak in November

Business: President Schoolcraft called for the Secretary's Report, it is online, and I indicated that I had a change. The Minutes are located in the "Links" section of the web site for any to observe. I indicated that I will "finalize" them upon approval. Billy moved to accept the report, Clark seconded the motion, and with no dissension, they were approved by acclamation. Billy reported that we have over 4000 dollars in the Chapter Bank Account. Ron read a letter from the President General of the SRT regarding who speaks for the SRT. This letter will be made into a Proclamation after proper approval by officers of the SRT. Ron brought attention to the production of cards commemorating history. His sample was a card about Sidney Sherman. He suggested that others could be so displayed as well as the various Republic flags. President Schoolcraft announced that the next annual meeting will be held at South Shore, so will be in close proximity to the chapter. This will be the 100th anniversary of the SRT. He also displayed a program from the Texian Navy Day Celebration held at the San Jacinto Battleground, and that Steve did a superb job on the arrangement for the same. Ron indicated that he had contacted the principal at the Burnet Elementary School in Galveston about our annual ceremony which will not be held this year, but that we should work for a good ceremony in 2022 at the obelisk dedicated to Burnet and Sherman.

Speaker: President Schoolcraft then introduced our speaker Paul Spellman Professor of History at Wharton College. Dr. Spellman began: Ashbel Smith was born in Connecticut in 1805, died in Texas in 1885. Paul drew a corollary between Ashbel and Noah Smithwick, both had very full lives, most of which were lived in Texas. Ashbel was educated at Yale and went to Paris to learn medicine. When he had an assignment in North Carolina, he learned of Texas and arrived there in 1837. He was active socially and politically, one of the most notable events of his life was the first speech given to the Galveston Historical Society about the Republic of Texas. He is credited with founding the University of Texas Medical Branch. He fought valiantly in the Army of the Confederate States of America at Shiloh and Vicksburg, noted for his fraternization with Union Officers during holidays. Ashbel never married, but was noted for his courtships. Paul noted that in one Ashbel indicated that he wanted to marry the woman, but had to go to Europe in a diplomatic mission, asking for the young lady's letters, which she did not offer, and these we now have as a record of their correspondence.

Upon completion of his presentation, President Schoolcraft presented gift card from Olive Garden to Paul.



Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary, **Finalized 21 October, 2021**