

Chapter President
Ron Schoolcraft
First Vice President
Gene Wueste
Second Vice President
Robert Gindratt
Chapter Secretary
Clark Wright



Chapter Treasurer
Bill Mayo
Quartermaster
Larry Armstrong
Chaplain
Yancey Arrington
Historian
Steve Nicol

Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

October 19, 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 October 19 in the banquet room behind the cashier. At 6:24 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 (KSJ). Several guests were introduced and President Schoolcraft had no new members to swear into the SRT.

Chapter Members attending: George and Larry Armstrong, Robert Gindratt, Albert Seguin Gonzales, J.B. Kline, Steve Manis (KSJ), Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Hayden Roberts, Marty Roberts, Ron Schoolcraft (President), Mike Turner, Clark Wright (Secretary) and Gene Wueste (Vice President). 14 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 18 in attendance.

Honored visiting SRT: Ron Brown KSJ - Executive Committeeman arrived late taking almost two (2) hours to arrive from Sugar Land

Honorary Members attending: Christy Erickson and Chaille Manis

Business: President Schoolcraft first gave the news of John Hamlin's death. Treasurer Billy Mayo will have the latest information about services and events. President Schoolcraft next 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 the Proclamation from the President General Pfeiffer of the SRT regarding "the accurate portrayal of the history of the events and sacrifices...". An image of this proclamation can be obtained from the web site on the directory for this month's reports. Ron brought attention to the production of cards commemorating Texas history. His sample was a card about Sidney Sherman. He suggested that others could be so displayed as well as the those of various Republic flags. President Schoolcraft announced that the next annual meeting of the SRT will be held at South Shore, so will be in close proximity to the chapter. This will be the 100th anniversary of the SRT. It will be held mid-January and room cost begin at \$139 per night. The hotel also has a deluxe room for \$149. President Schoolcraft also displayed the 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. On another subject, 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

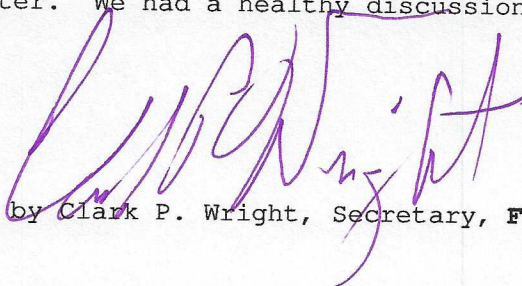
should work for a good ceremony in 2022 at the obelisk dedicated to Burnet and Sherman in the Lakeview Cemetery located off 61st Street in Galveston. Next, President Schoolcraft discussed the Illumination at San Jacinto to be performed in early November. He is in contact with Joseph Thomas, one of the team leaders who need volunteers. James is holding a meeting October 23, his phone number is 713-859-7603. The SRT quarterly meeting will be held December 4 at the Courtyard Marriott in Victoria. Room cost start at \$99 per night, and are only for the SRT designated meeting. Please let President Schoolcraft know if you plan to attend. The Ashbel Smith Chapter will be having a special meeting November 15 to celebrate their first anniversary at John Manlove Marketing, 5125 Preston in Pasadena. Barbecue will be served from 6 PM. and the Chapter Historian is scheduled to speak. Ron then stated that the five chapters of the district would meet for the first ever such meeting at the San Jacinto Battleground on November 1.

Speaker: The Honorable Ken Wise, esquire, elected to the 14th Appellate Court in Houston is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter SRT spoke to the Chapter about the First Court of the Republic of Texas. He described the court where he works, hearing cases from some 10 counties. Judge Wise impressed us with the necessity of learning history. He did not fully explain, but displayed a quotation from Cicero that societies without order will never mature, remain as children. This led into a narrative of the months before April 1836, in that the Naval blockade in the Texian attempt to deprive the Mexicans of supplies, might very well have led to war with the United States, in the some of those supplies were being delivered by means of United States Packet Ships. In order to avoid this confrontation, President-Pro Tem Burnet enlisted a Georgian lawyer named Benjamin Franklin to write articles, which acted, essentially as an Admiralty Court to legitimize the taking of the United State Flag Ship. Judge wise indicated that more research needs to be done to properly record the actions of the court, but this is the story of the First Court of the Republic of Texas.

Upon completion of his presentation, President Schoolcraft presented gift card from Olive Garden to Judge Wise. The entire group gathered at 7:15 PM for photographs.

Chapter Officers, two (there are eight) of which did not attend, met at the Texas City IHOP located at the intersection of FM 2004 and Interstate 45, 11:30 am on November 12. President Schoolcraft reported that on November 5 during an office visit to a Doctor while accompanying Steve, Chaille Manis was thrown off her chair into the pavement. Treasurer Mayo moved to pay for flowers sent to Chaille. Secretary Wright seconded the motion which passed by acclamation. The President reports that 2022 dues are now due, notices are being sent from Bay City, so be patient. Next, President Schoolcraft reported that results of the first quarterly district meeting held on the San Jacinto Battleground was a success, several photographs appear in the website gallery. Ten members attended from the five chapters (San Jacinto, Sidney Sherman, Sam Houston, Mirabeau Lamar and "Deaf" Smith. Sandwiches were provided and the group had a walk around the grounds. The meeting was held in the Monument. The group plans to meet quarterly, and it was suggested to have an outside Barbecue. One of the chapters is going to provide appropriate books to children, and President Schoolcraft shared the ideas of historic cards similar to baseball cards discussed in our own membership meeting. Four of our members (Billy Mayo, Hugh Ferguson, Robert Grindratt and Ronnie Schoolcraft) attended the memorial service given at the Lutheran Church in Nassau Bay for the memory of member John Hamlin (see the obituary in the Necrology section of the chapter website). Billy and Hugh went on to the military burial in the National cemetery in the north of Houston. President Schoolcraft indicted that

Robyn Davis of the "deaf" Smith Chapter is going to be ordering SRT Windbreakers. The President indicated that the SRT will participate in a Parade in Tomball on November 20. Next he discussed the SRT Annual Meeting to be held at South Shore Resort in January. Hotel rooms need to be reserved by December 17, meeting registration can be found online at the SRT site. The SRT Board of Managers (for officers) will be held in Victoria, December 12, followed by a trip to La Bahia in Goliad. On December 4, there will be ceremonies in Surfside commemorating the landing of "The Lively" Schooner disembarking in December 1821 the first settlers to Austin's Colony. The DRT will be participating in an open house at the Pioneer Cabin located at 1510 Cambridge in Houston on December 5 between 2 and 4 in the afternoon. The weekend of November 13-14, the Museum at San Felipe will have a Grand Opening at the Museum to commemorate the opening of a Print Shop, Law Office and Oven in the style used by the first settlers. President Schoolcraft indicated that the Texian Navy will be having its meeting at the Houston Yacht Club in Shore Acres at the same time. Another upcoming activity is the night Illumination at San Jacinto November 13. The officers discussed the December Membership meeting. The date of which has not been set due to conflicts, specifically Dickens on the Strand. President Schoolcraft indicated that Jim Nonus has offered the use of his office, "Antiques Pavilion" at 2220 Post Office for this meeting, the timing/cost is suitable for all concerned. Treasurer Mayo gave a report on funds available to the chapter. We had a healthy discussion of the Battleship Texas, adjourning after 1 pm.



Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary, Finalized 2021 November 17