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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

November 16, 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 November 16 in the banquet room behind the cashier. At 6:10 PM President Schoolcraft called the meeting to order. Ronnie opened up by saying how good it was to have Chaille Manis (honorary member) since her accident. Vice-President Wueste led us in prayer and the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags. Ron Brown was introduced as a Knight of San Jacinto and the Second Vice President of the Sons. Steve Manis was introduced as a Knight and our District Representative. Several guests were introduced and President Schoolcraft had no new members to swear into the SRT.

Chapter Members attending: George and Larry Armstrong, Hugh Ferguson, Robert Gindratt, Albert Seguin Gonzales, Darby Herm, J.B. Kline, Scott Langford, Steve Manis (KSJ), Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Doug McBee, Mike Mitchell, Steve Nicol, Jim Nonus, Hayden Roberts, Marty Roberts, Ron Schoolcraft (President), Clark Wright (Secretary) and Gene Wueste (Vice President). 19 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 25 in attendance.

Other SRT: Carl Hill, Jim McDaniel

Honorary Members: Christy Erickson and Chaille Manis

Speaker: Erin Tyens of the San Jacinto Chapter DRT

Business: President Schoolcraft called for the Secretary's Report. Minutes are online and I called to a motion to approve its acceptance. Billy Mayo so moved and Hugh Ferguson seconded the motion which was approved by acclamation. Treasurer Billy Mayo reported \$4133.32 in the chapter bank account. Under **Old** business President Schoolcraft reported chapter participation first quarterly District meeting attended by members from five of the seven chapters in the San Jacinto District. The Chapter was also well represented in services for John Hamlin. President Schoolcraft SRT Headquarters (HQ) indicates that the chapter has 7 new members. He then reported on the District Meeting held at the beginning of the month and the first annual dinner held by chapter 60 the Erastus "Deaf" Smith chapter in Pasadena held the evening of November 15. President Schoolcraft then asked members who wanted to take any of the offices of the chapter to contact and that members will vote on the 2022 officers at the next meeting. This led into a discussion of that meeting coming in December. Jim Nonus has offered to hold that meeting at his business "Antiques on Winnie" located at 23rd and Winnie in Galveston. We settled on December 19 after 4:30 PM. Jim indicated that shrimp and champagne could be provided. The tariff will be \$20 a head, and reservations need to be made by email to President Schoolcraft. Jim offered that the LaFitte Society

would be holding their party on December 12. President Schoolcraft reminded us that the SRT Annual Meeting will be held at the South Shore Resort in League City mid-January. Several members will be staying in the Resort. Registration can be found as the Next Meeting, Registration Form in the SRT Web Site.

Speaker: Erin Tynes spoke to us on "What You Don't Know about the San Jacinto Battleground", indeed there's a lot. She provided a handout of document containing information about the DRT San Jacinto Chapter, and layout of the battleground excepting the area near Vince's Bridge. The layout indicates that location of 20 of the 21 granite markers located on the battleground. The battle site was abandoned during the second half of nineteenth century, until just after 1880. The Bigham Monument is the earliest being erected in 1881 by the Texas Veterans Association. The organization was active until 1907 when only six veterans attended. Erin discussed controversies surrounding the monument built during the Great Depression. Legislation was necessary to keep the memory of the contribution of those who fought the battle in 1836. Erin ended with a 1945 quotation: "Texas Forever".

The door prize of the evening was a SRT Christmas Ornament. Erin did the honors, and Steve Manis won the prize.

Upon completion of his presentation, President Schoolcraft presented gift card from Olive Garden to Erin Tynes. The entire group gathered at 7:45 PM for photographs.

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