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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2**Minutes**

March 15, 2022

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 March 15 in the banquet room behind the cashier. At 6:15 PM President Schoolcraft called the meeting to order. Chaplain Ferguson gave the Invocation and led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags. President Schoolcraft indicated that several of the officers were absent one for medical reason and others for travel due primarily for Spring Vacation.

Chapter Members attending: Harry Elmendorf & guest, Hugh Ferguson, Robert Gindratt, Albert Seguin Gonzales, J.B. Kline, Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Steve Nicol, Ron Schoolcraft (President), Clark Wright (Secretary). 10 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 13 in attendance.

Honorary Member: Carol Mitchell

Speaker: Cait Johnson

Business: President Schoolcraft called for the Secretary's Report. Minutes are online and he called for a motion to approve its acceptance. Billy Mayo so moved and Hugh Ferguson seconded the motion which was approved by acclamation. Billy reported that the chapter has \$3943 in it's checking account. He has yet to receive the annual rebate from the National Office in Bay City. President Schoolcraft then presented Clark Wright a certificate of appreciation for his service to the chapter.

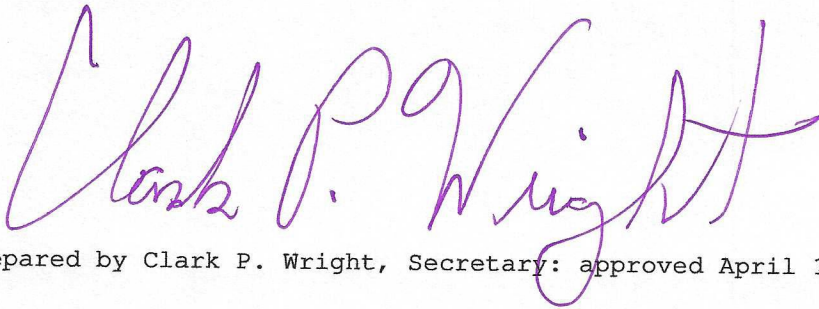
Recent Activities: Three of our members went to Washington on the Brazos near the end of February to celebrate Independence Day. It was cold, but all attendees recommended the facility and Museum. The only shortcoming was that the Museum has nothing on the Texas Navy. One of the Dolcent's indicated that they hope to add this in the future. Several members also attended the ceremony on March 2 at the statue of Sam Houston in Hermann Park, Houston. We had good representation at the events March 6, Dawn at the Alamo and Robert Gindratt placed a wreath to represent the Chapter contribution to the affair.

Upcoming Events: See the gallery for the upcoming events to be held at the San Jacinto Battleground April 21-23.

Speaker: Cait Johnson is in charge of Education and Interpretive Tours at the San Jacinto Battleground. Cait indicated that flags can be viewed as to where they were used, or when they were used. She presented her program to describe flags of the Texas area 1835 to 1837. Most of the flags she discussed originated as military regimental flags. The earliest Cait displayed was the September 1835 Lynchburg Flag. The next was the "Come and Take It" Flag first displayed in Gonzales in

October of that year. She showed us several variations of the "1824 Flag". Instead of this flag a variation is believed to have flown over the Alamo with two (2) yellow stars shown vertically in the center white field. Cait also shared the only contemporary drawing of the layout of the Alamo attributed to Jose Navarro. One regimental flag, originating from New Orleans (The Grey Flag) is of particular interest in that it is held in Mexico City as proof that the colonist were being supplied from the United States. Then there were several variations of the Bloody Arm Flag leading to Brown's Independence Flag. Finally, Cait spent some time discussing the Liberty Flag brought in December 1835 from Cincinnati by Sidney Sherman which hangs in the Texas State House of Representatives in Austin. After her presentation, President Schoolcraft presented an Olive Garden Gift Card from the Chapter.

The meeting closed at 7:30 PM we gathered for a group photograph.



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