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Minutes

April 19, 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 April 19 in the banquet room behind the cashier. At 6:30 PM Vice-President Gene Wueste called the meeting to order. Vice-President Wueste gave the Invocation and led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Chapter Members attending: Larry & George Armstrong, Robert Gindratt, Albert Seguin Gonzales, J.B. Kline, Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Steve Manis (Knight of San Jacinto), Mike Mitchell, Steve Nicol, Clark Wright (Secretary), Gene Wueste (Vice-President). 11 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 13 in attendance.

Honorary Member: Christy Erickson

Speaker: Kim Zrubek

Reports: 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 Larry Armsrtong seconded the motion which was approved by acclamation. Billy reported that the chapter has \$39611 in it's checking account.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Speaker: Kim Zrubek of the Friendswood Library gave our members an excellent "entry" into access to the 1950 Census which was just released April 1. Kim navigated through several methods of access. The most direct is using the Archives public access. Unfortunately, one needs to know about the Census "Enumeration Districts" to find anything. She initially sought information in Travis County about her parents, leading to maps of the Districts in that area. Researching a cousin, Kim pointed out the difficulties in locating Service Personal, and those of college age. I (your secretary) had no difficulty finding the enumeration of my parent's house in Beaumont, still working on specific location. Kim showed us an example of the use of the Steve Morse Organization access using a specific address. She indicated that one could find more information in the Census Bureau publication "Enumeration Reference Manual" about the questions used during the Census itself and the many Documents that are produced, from the primary one "P1" through "P4" enumerating people on ships. She also referenced access by both Ancestry and FamilySearch both of which are using artificial intelligence to create indices of the some 6 terabytes of information in the census itself. After her presentation, Vice-President Wueste presented an Olive Garden Gift Card from the Chapter and the entire group gathered in front of the flags for a group photograph.

After the speaker, J.B.Kline came forward and spoke on a document that had been obtained from the Steamboat Restaurant in north Houston. J.B. and Albert Seguin Gonzales then presented the document to Christy Erickson, our own Yellow Rose.

The meeting closed at 7:40 PM we gathered for a group photograph.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary, PRELIMINARY