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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes May 17, 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 May 17 in the banquet room behind the cashier. At 6:02 PM President Ron Schoolcraft called the meeting to order. Chaplain Hugh Ferguson gave the Invocation and Vice-President Gene Wueste led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Chapter Members attending: George Emerson, Hugh Ferguson (Chaplain), Robert Gindratt, Albert Seguin Gonzales, J.B. Kline, Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Ron Schoolcraft (President), Clark Wright (Secretary), Gene Wueste (Vice-President). Il Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 13 in attendance.

Honorary Member: Christy Erickson

Speaker: Dallam Masterson

Guests: Kindra Emerson visiting with George from Florida, Admirals Beth Fisher and

Betsy Vaughn

Guest SRT Member: Robyn Davis, President of the Deef Smith Chapter

Reports: President Schoolcraft called for the Secretary's Report. Minutes are online, but need two (2) changes. Billy reported that the chapter has \$4009 in it's checking account. President Ron Schoolcraft thanked all participants of the activities at San Jacinto in April. Billy Mayo remarked about the breeze, and as a result some of the flags were blown from their stands. Robyn Davis provided the best report: Fridays being School Day attended by over 1200 students featured stations where students learned about the stages of the 1836 battle. Saturday was attended by over 4500 attendees, including Robert Gindratt. President Ron Schoolcraft called for anyone interested in the SRT District meeting to be held in Bay City June 11 to contact him, in that we are close to the cut-off for hotel reservations. San Jacinto is in need of Dolcents. Robyn indicated that Amy Rogers gave a presentation to the Deef Smith Chapter in this regard. Voluntees are needed both inside and outside the Monument at San Jacinto. President Schoolcraft announced that our June program will be given by a manager from Seawolf Park.

Speaker: Admiral Dallam Masterson, the fourth great grandson of Samuel Rhoads Fisher provided a stimulating talk about his ancestor. Samuel was born in Philadelphia, into a family of Quakers. Before 1819 he married Ann Pleasants and in that year met with Moses and Stephen Austin in Missouri. Afterwards, about 1830 he decided to move his family and shipping business to Matagorda. Using materials from his vessels, Samuel built a home in Matagorda for his growing family. This house still stands and is a Bed&Breakfast. During the following years he was active in the provisional government being elected to represent Matagorda. Admiral Masterson walked us through the actions of the First Texas Navy with slides demonstrating what the sailing ships looked like. He also compared the actions of the Navy with those of the Armies on land. He made it clear that the successes of the Navy contributed substantially to the outcome, being the Independence of the Republic.

The meeting closed at 7:20 PM we gathered for a group photograph.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary, Approved June 21