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## Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

### Minutes

May 21, 2019

The members of the Sidney Sherman Chapter #2, Sons of the Republic of Texas gathered at Kelley's Family Restaurant in Texas City before 6 PM. on May 21.

President Steve Manis opened the meeting at 6:44 PM. Vice President Robyn Davis provided us with an invocation and led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

**Knights of San Jacinto:** Steve welcomed Ron Brown to the meeting.

**New Members:** Hal Vaughan was sworn in as our newest member.

**Guests attending:** included Chaille Manis, Christy Erickson, Linda McBee, Shannon Langford and Wendy McCreery.

**Chapter Members attending:** George Armstrong, Larry Armstrong, Dan Burnett, Jim Cantrell, Robyn Davis (Vice President), Robert Gindratt (Media), John Hamlin, Scott Langford, Steven Manis, Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Doug McBee, Mike Mitchell, Mike Mize, Rodney Mize, Ron Schoolcraft, Clark Wright (Secretary). The total attendance was 24 with 7 guests.

**Minutes** of the April meeting are available online on the Chapter Web Site. The chapter **Treasurer** reported just over 3400 dollars in the bank. Steve indicated that the chapter had recovered some of the loss due to the failure to hold any activities at San Jacinto.

**Recent Chapter Activities:** Steve indicated that the Board of Manager had met earlier in the month. Some changes to by-laws were considered. Each member then had a short statement about their ancestor under whom they qualified membership in SRT.

**Upcoming activities:** The chapter plans to join the members of the Mirabeau B. Lamar and San Jacinto Chapters in the cleaning of the monuments in Richmond to Jane Long and Lamar's wife in Richmond at the Morton Cemetery. Indication is the the activity will begin as early as 9 AM.

**Old Business:** As mentioned above, the chapter recovered some \$165 of the expenses for Brisket and Gatorade purchased for the San Jacinto fund raiser.

**New Business:** Discussion was opened regarding a new fundraiser: obtaining a "black powder rifle" for raffle was suggested. Doug McBee moved that the chapter proceed with this project. Larry Armstrong seconded the motion. After a discussion, the motion was passed by acclamation.

**Upcoming National Events:** The next posted event will be the "Texian Navy Day" September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Speaker:** Kevin Klaus from the General Land Office (GLO) in Austin. Kevin gave a shortened presentation on Texas History, Early Texas Land Grants and Land Donations based on the

holdings of the GLO. He indicated that the Office holds over 30 million documents and 35,000 maps at the repository in Austin. Kevin gave some of the highlights of the various collections held. The Spanish Collection contains documents dating back to the 1720s, most of which can be found online with translation. He indicated that approximately 75% of getting the documents online is complete. From the "Court of Claims 1856-1862", Kevin discussed a letter from John Logan who (from the letter) was in Goliad at the same time that "Buck" Travis was posting his appeal for help at the Alamo. According to Kevin the Logan letter reached Natchitoches several months later. It describes the dire situation in Goliad and gives us a comparison to conditions in the United States at the time.

At 8:05 PM Steve called for the adjournment of the meeting.

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