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Minutes

August 16, 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 August 16 in the banquet room behind the cashier. At 6:10 PM President Ron Schoolcraft called the meeting to order. Gene Wueste led us in prayer and pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Chapter Members attending: Robert Bear, Mark Bowers, Robert Gindratt (Second Vice-President), Albert Seguin Gonzales, J.B. Kline, Steve Manis (Treasurer General and Knight of San Jacinto), Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Steve Nicol (Historian), Jim Nonus, Ron Schoolcraft (President), Clark Wright (Secretary), Gene Wueste (First Vice-President). 13 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 17 in attendance.

Other: Cody and Robert Schmuriger

Honorary Member: Christy Erickson

Introductions: President Schoolcraft then acknowledged: Steve Manis, Knight of San Jacinto, and Treasurer General of the SRT; Christy Erickson, honorary member; Roger Schmuriger who handed in his application at the meeting and came with his son Jody. Roger raises longhorn cattle and has long been interested in the SRT; Carl Hill who is also an admiral in the Texas Navy and who belongs also to the San Jacinto Chapter is descended from Lorenzo who immigrated to Nacogdoches in the 1840s. President Schoolcraft proceeded to install new member Gordon Blocker.

Reports: President Schoolcraft pointed to two (2) errors in the minutes of the July meeting. Clark Wright reported that those minutes will be corrected online. Billy Mayo reported that the chapter has \$4402.28 in it's checking account.

Business: President Schoolcraft indicated he had received a email from Robin Davis who is our district representative and apparently originated from Mike Wilson the second vice president of the SRT. Seeing that there was no old business President Schoolcraft proceeded on topics of new business and discussed our Texas flag which Larry Armstrong had left and brought to Kelly's in order that we should have a Texas flag to pledge to. It was agreed to that the flag should be left at Kelly's with the understanding that it be available to us for our pledges. President Schoolcraft will arrange this with the management at Kelley's. The letter from district representative Davis was regarding the Battleship Texas. The ship is to be moved August 31st from the battlefield on Buffalo Bayou to Galveston for repair. Representative Davis indicated that other chapters had donated funds for the Battleship Foundation. It was said that San Jacinto promised \$2,000 and that the Lone Star Chapter had promised a thousand. Steve Manes indicated that both of those

chapters had more funds than we have. Jim Nonus moved to provide \$250 from the chapter billing. Billy Mayo seconded the motion and we had a healthy discussion. President Schoolcraft indicated that Jeff Corbett had also solicited individual donations and that we should add donations from the chapter members. This was agreed to and a number of our members have committed to donations: Jim offered \$50, then Robert offered \$50 and Steve Manis the same. Christy offered \$50 and then J.D. offered \$50 and Albert had in another \$50. The next item President Schoolcraft discussed the Ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery in October. He is having trouble communicating with the principal at the Barrett School in Galveston. In addition to this event there is also Texas Navy Day in September.

Speaker: Wade Dillion Coordinator of Freeport Historial Museum spoke on the holdings and plans for the Museum. He is a native of Florida who moved to Texas seven years ago. He is particularly interested in re-enactments with authentic clothes. Wade began his presentation with information about "Wilma". Construction workers in the Freeport area came upon a skull which turned out to be of a 3500 year old native woman. With the help of Texas A&M College Station and the Smithsonian produced a reconstruction of her likeness. One copy of this reconstruction is located in the Museum. The museum includes interpretive panels describing the history of the area.

President Schoolcraft presented Wade with a gift certificate and we closed with a group picture at 7:12 pm.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary, corrected September20