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Minutes

October 18, 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 October 18 in the banquet room behind the cashier. At 6:15 PM President Ron Schoolcraft called the meeting to order. Vice-President Gene Wuest provided us with an opening prayer and followed it with pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Chapter Members attending: George and Larry Armstrong, Gordon Blocker, Ed Cannon, Robert Gindratt (Second Vice-President), Albert Seguin Gonzales, Carl Hill, Michael Loomis, Steve Manis (Treasurer General and Knight of San Jacinto), Billy Mayo (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell, Jim Nonus, Cody and Robert Schnurizer, Ron Schoolcraft (President), Clark Wright (Secretary). 15 Chapter members attended this meeting with a total of 21 in attendance.

Other SRT Members: Robyn Davis (President of the Deef Smith Chapter and District Vice-President)

Honorary Members: Christy Erickson and Carol Mitchell

Additional Guest: Eron Tyne

Introductions: President Schoolcraft then acknowledged: Steve Manis, Admiral, Knight of San Jacinto, and Treasurer General of the SRT; and Robyn Davis, our District Vice-President. President Schoolcraft proceeded to install Robert and Cody Schnurizer our newest members.

Reports: President Schoolcraft called for the Secretaries Report. Clark Wright reported that the minutes for September are online and will be corrected to include the officers meeting held October 9. He moved to approve the minutes, Gordon Blocker seconded the motion which was approved without dissent. Billy Mayo gave his reported that the chapter has just over \$4,000 in the chapter checking account.

Business: President Schoolcraft said that the chapter will be raffling off tickets to the Air Show valued at \$400. Each ticket costs \$10, and three (3) will go for \$25. President Schoolcraft then announced that all of the current officers had agreed to stand for another year, with the exception of himself. Carl Hill has agreed to stand for Chapter President for 2023. Ron then announced that nominations would be open until we vote on the slate at the next chapter meeting to be held in November at Kelley's.

Upcoming: President Schoolcraft discussed the Christmas Party. Jim Nonus has agreed to offer the venue at the Antique Pavilion located on the north-east corner of 23rd and Postoffice Streets (2222 Postoffice) with the same conditions as last year, so this meeting will most probably be held the afternoon (after 4:30 pm)

December 13. President Schoolcraft proceeded with the roll call in which members recall stories of their ancestor or family connected with the Republic of Texas.

Speaker: Compatriot Gordon Blocker who is an Admiral in the Texas Navy provided us with information about Samuel Williams who is known as the father of the Texas Navy. The house was built in the 1830's being one of the oldest in Galveston. Williams, on his own effort, financed the first vessels of the Navy, and received a Spanish land grant in 1822. He is buried in the Episcopal Cemetery.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary, **VERY Preliminary**