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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2**Minutes**

January 17, 2023

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 January 17 in the banquet room behind the cashier. At 6:05 PM President Ron Schoolcraft called the meeting to order. After the opening prayer President Schoolcraft led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Attending: Larry* and George* Armstrong, Gordon Blocker*, Jeff Corbin (Historian-General of the SRT), Harry Elmendorf* and guest, Robyn Davis (District Vice President), Christy Erickson!, Hugh Ferguson*, Robert Gindratt* (Second Vice-President), Albert Seguin Gonzales*, Carl Hill* (President), Steve Manis* (Treasurer General of the SRT and Knight of San Jacinto), Billy Mayo* (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell*, Steve Nicol* (Historian), Cody* and Robert* Schnurizer, Ron Schoolcraft* (Past-President), Eron Tyne!, Joanna Wilson (member of the Sidney Sherman Chapter 1 of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas), and Clark Wright*(Secretary) We had 16 Chapter members attending this meeting with a total of 22 in attendance. President Schoolcraft took note of the officers of the SRT and guests. He then introduced Admiral Andy Hall who would speak to the chapter instead of Gordon.

Program: Admiral Hall of the Charles Hawkins Squadron of the Texas Navy presented a program on the "Marines of the Texas Navy". He began by telling us of the earliest marine action in Roman Punic Wars about 400 BC or 2400 years ago. He included pictures of this type of war and next of the participation in the Battle of Bunker Hill during the American Revolution. Marines (Volunteers&Militia) were active during the Texas Revolution, capturing vessels in Copano Bay north of the location of Rockport, sailing the prizes to Valesco. These troops were called the "Texas Horse Marines". On the Island, the "Galveston Coast Guard" was formed to repulse any Mexicans attempting to take the town. In 1842 a controversy occurred regarding a mutiny on the Schooner San Antonio while it was in New Orleans. Marines were apparently part of the mutiny. They were caught, court martialed and four (4) were hung. Unfortunately the San Antonio disappeared and was never found. Admiral Hall then went into detail about the uniforms of the marines.

Installation: The officers of the chapter were then installed, with the exception of Gene Wueste who was recovering from an illness. President Schoolcraft then called upon Admiral Tyne to deliver the Presidents Ribbon to Carl Hill. Then Billy Mayo moved to approve the minutes of the chapter meetings as posted on this web site. Gordon Blocker seconded this motion, which was approved by acclamation. President Hill then addressed the members.

Up-coming:

On January 26 we will celebrate Lamar Day in Richmond. Assembly will at 10:00 AM near Morton Cemetery located at 401 2nd Street. This activity will be coordinated by Jesse Stewart.

On January 28 we will participate in the Mardi Gras parade in Texas City. This effort will be coordinated by Steve Manis. Assembly will be at 9:30 AM at a park near 38th Street and Magnolia. The parade will be about 3 miles and some refreshments will be provided.

On February 4 we will commemorate the March on Fredonia at Austin State Park near San Felipe. The festivities will include drill but not a formal re-inactment.

February 19 Anson Jones will be remembered at Glenwood Cemetery located at 2525 Washington Avenue in Houston.

The next Chapter meeting will be at Kelley's on February 21.

On March 2, we expect to repeat attendance of the ceremony in Sam Houston Park off Main Avenue in Houston in the morning. You need to be on site before 10 AM. After that ceremony some members will proceed to the state park at Washington on the Brazos where there will be a re-inactment.

March 6 Some of our members will attend the "Dawn at the Alamo" in San Antonio where they will lay a wreath along side a portrait of our patron General Sidney Sherman.

March 17-19 will be the Annual Meeting of the SRT at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio. See the SRT Texas web site for more information.

Billy Mayo moved to adjourn at 7:12 PM, Hugh Ferguson seconded the motion which passed without decent. The group photo can be viewed in the current gallery of this web site.

Note: Chapter Members are denoted by a star (*) and Honorary Members are denoted with an exclamation point (!) in the list of attendees.

Executive Board: The Board met in Kemah on February 1 to discuss upcoming business. The premier edition of the "Sherman Sentinel" was introduced and we went over the prospects for the chapter. Please come forth with ideas for fund raising.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary