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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

August 15, 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 5:30 PM on August 15. The banquet room behind the cashier had air conditioning issues so we met in the closed off section at the back of the restaurant . At 5:55 PM President Carl Hill called the meeting to order. Robert Schnuriger gave the opening prayer. President Hill led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Attending: George* and Larry Armstrong, Shane* Kate and Sophie Gay, 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* with his wife Carol!, Tim Shawn* and Tim Wayne* Rainey, Robert Schnuriger* (Chaplain), Ron Schoolcraft*(Past President), Mike Turner*, Eron Tyne! and Clark Wright*(Secretary). Amy Rogers was our guest speaker. We had 15 Chapter members attending this meeting with a total of 21 in attendance.

Program: Amy Rogers who is the Executive Director of the San Jacinto Monument Museum indicated that the Museum will be going under major renovations in the near future with a new visitors center and considerable landscape upgrade. The facility will include two theaters, and accommodation for weddings and receptions. The Texas Historical Commission will be adding Signage to allow visitors to hear and sense what happened in 1836in their walks around the Battleground.

Business: President Hill inducted two new members, Shane Gay and Tim Rainey into the Chapter and SRT. Carl opened the session with members providing information about their ancestors who qualified them for membership in the SRT. Members are encouraged to keep up with news in the quarterly newsletters that are posted on the website. Members also approved the minutes that are also posted on the website. Billy Mayo announced that after the successful dinner celebrating the remembrance of Sidney Sherman's birthday our bank account has \$5733.43 which includes about \$1200 from that dinner. The meals did cost the chapter \$300. President Hill indicated that Registrar Steve Nicol is having medical issues with his vision. Billy Mayo indicated the Houston Chronicle has issued an obituary for Tom Houston, member of the SRT. President Hill then discussed maintenance of the Sidney Sherman statue which is located in Galveston on the Seawall. The statue is missing a sword that used to his side. There is an issue of support, and Steve Manis indicated that the sword needs to be extended to the ground. In any case the city has to be involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. Members gathered for a group photograph.

Note: Chapter Members are denoted by a star (*), Honorary Members are denoted with an exclamation point (!) and other SRT members are denoted by a at-sign (@) in the list of attendees.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary