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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

September 19, 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 September 19 in the banquet room behind the cashier. At 6 PM, sharp, President Carl Hill called the meeting to order. Robert Schnuriger gave the opening prayer. Treasurer Billy Mayo led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Attending: George* and Larry Armstrong, Robyn Davis (District Vice-President)@, Christy Erickson!, Robert Gindratt* (Second Vice-President), Albert Seguin Gonzales*, Carl Hill*(President), J.B. Kline*, John Lucas*, Steve Manis*(Treasurer General of the SRT and Knight of San Jacinto), Billy Mayo* (Treasurer), Mike Mitchell* with his wife Carol!, Steve Nicol* (Historian), Shawn* and Tim* Wayne Rainey, Robert Schnuriger* (Chaplain), Ron Schoolcraft*(Past President), Eron Tyne! and Clark Wright*(Secretary). Jodi Wright-Gidley was our guest speaker. We had 17 Chapter members, 3 honorary members and Jodi was our single guest attending this meeting with a total of 22 in attendance.

Business: We had no new members to induct and our only guest was Jodi Wright-Gidly, Curator of the Galveston County Museum. President Hill indicated that the minutes to the previous meeting were on-line and motion was made and past unanimously to approve them. Compatriot Mayo gave his Treasury Report. Compatriot Nicol indicated that few applications were in process. President Hill indicated that he was working to have several of his relatives apply. He then began his review of recent activities. We had a good turnout for Texian Navy Day, both of them. Carl then turned to work on the statue of General Sherman at the end of Broadway in Galveston to repair the broken parts thereof. Good News! He contacted the City, with good results to a contact in the Facilities Department. They acknowledged their responsibility for the statue and that funds would be available to make the repairs sometime next year. President Hill then turned the discussion to then upcoming event at Lakeview Cemetery October 17 beginning around 10 A.M. Students from the Burnet Elementary will be attending. The next chapter meeting will be that very evening at Kelley's. Carl asked about materials/when to clean the Obelisk dedicated to Burnet and Sherman. Steve Manis indicated that he has sufficient.

Program: Jodi Wright-Gidley presented her program of "Galveston a City on Stilts". The Museum has memorabilia from before 1900. She compare the storm of that year with later ones later and the work to build the seawall and raise a major portion of the island. A three (3) mile canal was dug behind the wall during construction and four (4) dredges were used to fill the space behind the wall. It was a messy business. The largest building raised was St. Patricks. Jodi shared many photographs of the destruction and construction during this period. The wall definitely made a difference in later storms and saved much life. President Hill gave Jodi a gift certificate in gratitude for her presentation.

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