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## Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

### Minutes

January 23, 2024

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 January 23 in the banquet room behind the cashier. President Carl Hill called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Robert Schnuriger gave the opening prayer. President Hill led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

**Attending:** Larry\* and George\* Armstrong , Jeff Colwell, Christy! Erickson, Robert\* (Second Vice-President) Gindratt, Albert\* Seguin Gonzales, Carl\* (President) Hill, J.B.\* Kline, Steve\* (Treasurer General of the SRT and Knight of San Jacinto) Manis, Billy\* Mayo, Mike\* Mitchell, Steve\* (Historian) Nicol, Robert\* (Vice-President) Schnuriger, Ron\* (Immediate Past-President) Schoolcraft, Ken Wise, Esq., and Clark\*(Secretary) Wright. We had 13 Chapter members, 1 honorary member and 2 guests attending this meeting with a total of 13 in attendance.

**Business:** Our newest member, Jeff Corbin will be installed as a member at the next meeting. President Hill indicated that his son is also near to be approved as a member. It was announced that the Chapter had won a prize at the Texas City Parade and the trophy was on display during the meeting. The crowd took particular interest in Steve Manis as the Grinch, and that the chapter has/had plenty of beads to distribute from the float. The monetary award was forwarded to the office of the SRT in Bay City and that we should receive that amount. It was further explained that being a non-profit required us to follow that procedure. President Hill explained that the minutes of the December are online and available with any comments to be forwarded to the Secretary. Albert Seguin Gonzales moved to approve the minutes and Billy Mayo seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation. President Hill indicated that the annual report is in the works, then Billy Mayo reported the Chapter has over 5 thousand dollars in the chapter bank account. Steve Nicol reported that 3 applications had submitted to the society for approval. President Hill announced that the SRT Annual Meeting will be held in Granbury in early March. The chapter usually participates in activities around Independence Day (morning in Houston and afternoon at Washington on the Brazos). Shortly thereafter, we expect to participate in the ceremonies and festivities around Dawn at the Alamo on March 6. President Hill indicated that recent rains have caused damage to the Antiques on Winnie where we had held our Christmas Party. Jim Nonus, who is a member, indicates that the same kind of party on February 13 where all are invited. Concern was discussed about access because of the crowd attending Mardi-Gras which is close by the store. President Hill talked briefly about Tom Green who is now in the Richard Anderson Veterans Home and not doing well with Alzheimer's, but he did seem to recognize our President. The business meeting concluded at 6:10 PM.

**Program:** Judge Ken Wise provided an inspiring Talk on the "The Indian Trail" during the events between 1867 and 1872. He began with describing what the Administration of President Ulysses Grant had established to manage the various tribes centered at Fort Sill in the Indian Territory, which would become the State of Oklahoma. Judge Wise explained that the Anglo-American and Native Tribe lack of understanding of each society caused major conflicts during this period. The Federal Government had assigned territory for the tribes the area assigned for the Comanche and Kiowa was that to become the south-west Oklahoma. It would be governed from Fort Sill. This would work into the conflict. The tribes were satisfied to move into the area for a time, but did not understand that the rules of governance applied outside the area. They considered it lawful to pillage and plunder outside the designated area. Judge Wise focused on three of the Kiowa Chiefs and the manner in which they reacted to being convicted of depredations into Texas. The oldest was Satank, "Sitting Bear" killed by his guards on the way from Fort Sill toward Huntsville. When led to the wagon, he appeared to be docile. Inside, he began a chant recognized by one of the guards as a death chant. The Chief, brandished a knife attacking, and killing the guard in his wagon. A guard in the second wagon, leveled his rifle and shot the Chief, who continued to attempt escape. A second shot from another guard was necessary to subdue and kill the Chief. The middle generation chief, Satanta, "White Bear" was sent to prison and died, according to rumor, by falling out a prison window. The youngest, went to prison in Huntsville, Texas dying of natural causes in 1927, having taken on Christianity and becoming a Baptist minister.

**Installation:** Following the presentation, President Hill called the 2024 officers to the front of the room to be installed. Past-President Schoolcraft performed the installation.

**Note:** Chapter Members are denoted by a star (\*), Honorary Members are denoted with an exclamation point (!), other SRT members are denoted by a at-sign (@), Lafitte Society (#), Texas Navy (\$) and Daily News (%) in the list of attendees.

Prepared by Clark P. Wright, Secretary