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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

February 20, 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 February 20 in the banquet room behind the cashier. President Carl Hill called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Robert Schnuriger gave the opening prayer. We pledged allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas Flags.

Attending: Larry* and George* Armstrong , Jeff Colwell, Robyn@ Davis (District Representative), David Dyer (presenter), Hugh* Ferguson, Robert* (Second Vice-President) Gindratt, Albert* Seguin Gonzales, Carl* (President) Hill, Tom* Huff, Matthew* Jackson, J.B.* Kline, Steve* (Treasurer General of the SRT and Knight of San Jacinto) Manis, Billy* Mayo, Mike* Mitchell, Steve* (Historian) Nicol, Jim* Nonus, Colin* Rainey, Shawn* Rainey, Tim* Rainey, Cody* Schnuriger, Robert* (Vice-President) Schnuriger, Ron* (Immediate Past-President) Schoolcraft, Eron! Tyne, and Clark* (Secretary) Wright. We had 21 Chapter members, 1 honorary member and 2 guests attending this meeting with a total of 25 in attendance.

Installation: President Hill announced that one of our members, Gene Wueste, passed away in October. Two new members, Jess Colwell and Cody Rainey were sworn into the SRT. President Hill then announced that Jess had agreed to be our new Treasurer to replace Billy Mayo who has served for seven years. Ron Schoolcraft moved to accept Jess and Robert Gindratt seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation, Jess Colwell is now our Treasurer. President Hill proceeded to install Jess to that position. Treasurer Colwell will be added to access the Chapter Bank Account and Billy Mayo will be removed.

Business: Minutes of the January meeting are posted in the web site. President Hill asked for comment. J.B. Kline moved to accept the minutes, Albert Seguin Gonzales seconded, the motion passed by acclamation. Steve Nicol announced that two (2) applications had been forwarded to the SRT and several more in the works. The project to clean one of the monuments has reached a favorable conclusion in that another group had cleaned it. President Hill reported that the chapter had an excellent turnout for the Lamar Ceremony. President Hill served as color guard, and Robert Schnuriger provided the benediction for the ceremony. Seven (7) of our members attended the Anson Jones Ceremony. President Hill served in the color guard for this ceremony. President Hill then appealed to members to provide patriot profiles for the The Sherman Sentinel. The next two (2) months will be busy, beginning with 3 activities on Texas Independence Day (March 2). First, the San Jacinto will gather at the Houston Monument in Houston in the morning. Some of our member expect to attend and then proceed to Washington on the Brazos for the

ceremony in the afternoon. Third the Sidney Sherman Chapter Number 1 of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) will be meeting at Fishermanss Wharf in Galveston beginning at 11 in the morning. On March 5-6 some of our members will attend Dawn at the Alamo in San Antonio. The chapter will sponsor a wreath presentation during the ceremonies. Next, the Annual Meeting of the SRT will be held in Granbury outside of Fort Worth.

Program: Dave Dyer provided the chapter with a review of his book "The Road to San Jacinto: Retracing the Route of Sam Houston's Army". He researched the 42 campsites that Houston used marching from Gonzales to San Jacinto. He gave the members flavor in his book by talking in detail about four (4) sites. The first was a site east of Columbus, apposed to Santa Ana camped south of the town. Houston was at this location for only a day, whereas he spent several days at the site near San Felipe. Dave discussed Vince's Bridge in detail, and is convinced that the bridge was chopped, rather than burned, think of the conditions. It was a messy spring in east Texas, and Houston used that to his advantage.

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