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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

May 21, 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 May 21 in the banquet room behind the cashier. President Carl Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. 1st Vice President Schnuriger gave the opening prayer. Steve Nicol led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States and Ron Schoolcraft led us in the pledge to the Texas Flag.

Attending: Larry* and George* Armstrong , Jess* (Treasurer) Colwell, Robert* (Second Vice-President) Gindratt, Albert* Seguin Gonzales, Carl* (President) Hill, J.B.* Kline, Steve* Manis, Billy* Mayo, Mike* and Carol! Mitchell, Steve* (Historian) Nicol, Robert* (SRT District V Vice-President and Vice-President) Schnuriger, Ron* (Immediate Past-President) Schoolcraft, Kameron@ Searle, Eron! Tyne, and Clark*(Secretary) Wright. We had 13 Chapter members, 3 honorary member and 1 guests attending this meeting with a total of 17 in attendance.

Reports: President Hill announced several new members, one Barney Rapp who wanted to become a member in old age, and passed away within the month and two (2) brothers Charles and Corey Rapp of Dallas. Minutes of the April meeting are posted in the web site. President Hill asked for comment. Larry Armstrong moved to accept the minutes as posted. Albert Seguin Gonzales seconded the motion which passed without descent. Treasurer Colwell indicated that he continues to have trouble accessing the bank and Steve Nicol, our Registrar, announced that one application had been forwarded for approval and several others in the works.

Business: President Hill announced that we will hold the second annual celebration of the birth of Sidney Sherman in 1805 on July 27 at the Pacific Seafood location in San Leon. He indicated that menu choices of Redfish, Salmon or Fried Shrimp on the menu. Then he discussed the books for youngsters which the chapter is funding. Carl indicated that both public and private schools have been contacted. Next President Hill indicated that chapter members will be participating in the Fourth of July Parade in Friendswood. Then Robert Schnuriger thanked the members who participated in the activities at San Jacinto.

Program: Kameron Searle gave the chapter membership a walk-through of his research regarding one aspect of Sam Houston and how he acted during the Battle April 21, 1836 at San Jacinto. Evidently a number of historians, got it wrong. Actually Houston rode several horses during the battle. The greatest controversy is in regard to a horse which Houston apparently purchased while at Groce's Plantation prior to the battle. From primary sources Kameron determined that the horse was definitely gray, not white! The fact is that Houston rode several horses, being shot out underneath the rider. Kameron, demonstration of Houston's action was most Dramatic, in which Houston was quite exposed to the action and in the thick of it. Kameron provided a handout pulling all of his evidence together. Kameron is a member of the Lone Star Chapter, The Sons of the Republic of Texas and frequently gives talks on Texas history. He was the recipient of the San Jacinto Award, for promoting Texas History, from the San Jacinto Descendants, in 2014. Having been the marker historian for Anson Jones, Kameron continues to speak about Anson Jones, on Texas Statehood Day in Glenwood Cemetery. He spoke on "Myth Busting Texas History" - A Horse of a Different Color, Austin's Forgotten Settlement, A Tale of True Love.

Chapter Executive Board Meeting: Your officers met on **June 4** at 1 pm Pacific Seafood in Dickinson to discuss the up-coming activities. The Chapter membership will meet again on **June 18** before these activities take place. First the membership is encouraged to attend the **July 4** Parade to be held in Friendswood, beads and candy are expected to be provided. Most of the Board indicated that chairs were preferable to hay for the trailer. Please remember that space is limited. Next, we discussed the logistics surrounding our celebration of a day close to the remembrance of the birthday of Sidney Sherman, to be **JULY 27** to be held in the large room at Pacific Seafood. See the Sentinel for details.

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-preliminary