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Minutes

November 19, 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 About 5 PM on November 19 in the banquet room behind the cashier. President Carl Hill called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. 1st Vice President Schnuriger gave the opening prayer. Robert Gindratt led participants in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States and Ron Schoolcraft led us in the pledge to the Texas Flag. President Hill then recognized those attendees who are Knights of San Jacinto (KSJ) and other guests. President Hill announced that we have no new members to induct this month.

Attending: Larry* and George* **Armstrong**, Ron@ **Brown** (KSJ, Knight of San Jacinto), Robyn@ **Davis**, Robert* (Second Vice-President) **Gindratt**, Albert* Seguin **Gonzales**, Carl* (President) **Hill**, J.B.* **Kline**, Steve* **Manis** (Past President and KSJ), Billy* **Mayo** (Past Treasurer), Mike* **Mitchell**, Steve* (Historian) **Nicol**, Jim* **Nonus** (host of our Christmas parties), Randy@ (KSJ and Past President General of the SRT) & Trisha **Pollard**, Robert* (SRT District V Representative and Chapter Vice-President) **Schnuriger**, Eron! **Tyne**, and Clark* (Secretary) **Wright**. We had 12 Chapter members and 3 honorary members attending this meeting with a total of 19 in attendance.

Reports: The minutes of the October meeting are posted on the web site in the Links under Documents of 2024. A motion to approved was made, seconded and passed without descent. Treasurer Colwell continues out for medical reasons and will not stand for office, next term. Registrar Nicol introduced Mark Ch

Activities: President Hill thanked those members who participated in this past months activities. We had 2 teams to participate in the Chili Cook-off held at the Log Cabin in Sam Houston Park Downtown Houston. Carl thanked Ron Schoolcraft for his work at the Fandango.

Business: Our December get together will be at the residence of Jim Nonus December 10 as noted in this months issue of the Sidney Sherman Sentinel. As usual this fourth annual social affair will include members of the Lafitte Society and the Texas Navy. We also intend to participate in the Texas City Christmas Parade which will assemble near the Doyle Center before 5:30 pm. The SRT is sponsoring a raffle to be drawn at the annual meeting for a Colt 44 pistol in a presentation case. Robert Schnuriger has tickets. President Hill then proceeded to issue 6 certificates of appreciation. Then issued 4 additional certificates to the 2024 officers of the chapter. Next President Hill proposed that Cindy Schnuriger be

made an honorary member of Chapter 2. Ron Schoolcraft so moved and the motion was approved by acclamation. Next President Hill presented the list of nominated officers for 2025, the only vacant position being that of chaplain. The officers were approved by acclamation:

President - Robert Schnuriger - 2650 Lawrence Rd, Kemah, TX 77565-3192

1st Vice President - Tim Rainey - 4028 Caroline Shores, League City, TX 77573-3256

2nd Vice President Robert Gindratt - 2425 Pilgrim Estates Dr, Texas City, TX 77590-3747

Secretary/Treasurer - Clark Wright - 5000 Park Ave. Dickinson, TX 77539-7013

Registrar - Steve Nicol - 1810 Talon Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546-5139

Sgt at Arms - Larry Armstrong - 4801 37th St. Dickinson, TX 77539-5735

Carl then introduced Trisha Pollard who presented “**The Sam Houston Trail**”

Program: The Pollards have been married for over 50 years and both are graduated of Sam Houston University in Huntsville. Trisha has been on the board of the Texas State University System. She gave the membership an inspiring talk on the 9 characteristics that made Sam Houston great. She talked about a Project to build a park with plaques representing each of the 9 characteristics. Trisha carried us through the stages of his life, becoming a teacher, then wars with the indians, along with Andrew Jackson, in which he almost lost his life. She traversed his public life as Senator, the only one to serve from 2 different states, being Tennessee and Texas. Then he had a tragic (very short) married life and escape to first the Cherokee Nation, and then to Texas and the Revolution. Trisha emphasized the effect of Margaret Lee which brought Sam to sobriety for the rest of his life.

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