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Sidney Sherman Chapter #2

Minutes

January 30, 2025

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 30 in the banquet room behind the cashier. President Carl Hill called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Robert Schnuriger gave the opening prayer. Carl led us in the pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Attending: Larry* Armstrong, Robert Gindratt* (Second Vice-President), Albert Seguin Gonzales*, Carl Hill*(President), J.B. Kline*, John* Lucas, Steve Manis* Knight of San Jacinto(KSJ), Billy* Mayo, Mike* Mitchell, Steve Nicol* (Historian), Tim* Rainey, Robert* and Cindy! Schnuriger* (Chaplain), Ron Schoolcraft*(Past President), Eron! Tyne and Clark Wright*(Secretary). Blake Pfeffer was our guest speaker. We had 14 Chapter members, 2 honorary members and 1 guest attending this meeting with a total of 17 in attendance.

Business: President Hill acknowledged Steve Manis being our only KSJ is present. We had no new members to induct. Previous Minutes of the Chapter Meetings are online and Carl called for and got a motion with second to accept the online information. President Hill reported that the chapter has \$6900 in the bank account, with several invoices having been paid which include expense for patriotic books. Our Registrar reported several applications are in progress with work needed on several. One application is ready for signature and 3 in work. President Hill reminded us that Lamar Day is coming and we plan to attend the Mardi Gras Parade in Texas City February 8. Beads will be available for this activity. The next activity will be in Houston on February 19, which is Statehood Day. Then March 2 will include the Ceremony at Sam Houston Park, followed in the afternoon by the activities held at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

Program: Our speaker this evening was Blake Pffefer who gave an inspiring talk based on his book "Shouts from the Republic". Blake began with the issues of Comanche and others raiding from the north almost the entire distance to Mexico City. Permitting the English from North America was thought to be a solution, but led to the Texas Revolution. After wiping out the Americans in Bexar, Mexican leadership thought that it had solved a problem. The scrap a Gonzales was just that considering the lack of bloodshed and that time. The military plan of the Mexicans was to perform a pincer movement of armies one from the north and the other from the south. San Jacinto changed that and we know the history and myths from that time. It was not romantic!

Installation: Next, Ron Schoolcraft proceeded to install the 2025 officers, after which we gathered for a group photograph.

The meeting was adjourned about 7:15 PM.

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