



Ark-La-Tex Chapter Sons of American Revolution

Date of Meeting: 11/12/24

Call to Order: President Clarence Burns called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm. He stated that a quorum was present.

Members Present: President Clarence Burns, VP Joe Reynolds, Sec. Rodney G. Love, Treas. Danny Addington, Registrar Dennis M. Beckham, Chancellor Bill Sekel, Rick Blackwood, Bob Vernon and Larry P. Chandler

Visitors Present: Ms. Carolyn Addington and Ms. Louella Vernon

Invocation: Bob Vernon

Pledges to flags: President Clarence Burns [America flag], Treasurer Danny Addington [Texas flag], Chancellor Bill Seel [SAR flag].

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were emailed to all members. A motion to accept the minutes by acclamation was made by VP Joe Reynolds and seconded by Rick Blackwood. Approval was unanimous.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Danny Addington presented the treasurers report. A motion to approve financial report by acclamation was made by Rick Blackwood and seconded by Larry Joe Reynolds. Approval was unanimous.

Registrar's Report: none

Chancellor Report: Chancellor Bill Sekel presented the Chancellor's report. He presented a certificate to Ms. Addington for her having received the Lydia Darragh medal at the last meeting. Bill provided newsletter competition information to Joe(He needs to pick the best of four Newsletters and submit it). Veterans' certificates given to Clarence and Ms. Addington to distribute to individuals. A picture of presentation should be taken. Bill reported on Board Masters meeting in Austin. He stated that dues and incorrect information on roster were important topics. Invoices for dues were sent out in September and another round will be sent out in November. You can pay dues on line. Dues are \$75(\$72 local + \$3 for cost of having 2029 annual meeting in Richardson, TX). Members need to check Ark-La-Tex., name and national number. You can print copy of invoice and mail in before Dec. 31. There are currently 3500 members in state. Check email address and home address on state roster. The current roster is online on the State website on the private side. If user Id and password is needed email Bill and he will call you and help you get on private side. Texas SAR did well at National. Bill brought up the end of year report. It has lots of pages but you only fill in what you did as a chapter.

Someone in chapter will have to take this job in the future. We gave a donation to monument fund at the State level. We had a snag in that the State cemetery changed rules. We are going to have to redesign monument since it can only be a concrete pad. We have enough money to take care of change.

Program: None

New member sworn in: none

Presentations:

New Business:

Nominations for President for next year. Motion by Bill Sekel and second by Clarence Burns to nominate Joe Reynolds as President. Motion carried unanimously.

All other members have one 1 year left.

Bob Vernon volunteered to be Assistant Chaplain

Finance committee was appointed and we have not seen one member. Rick has some ideals.

Joe asked to do Newsletter quarterly again. Bill will check on how often Newsletter has to be done.

A motion by Bill Sekel that Ark-LA-Tex SAR Chapter donate to the American Legion \$100/year for use of meeting building. It was seconded by Danny Addington. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Reynolds donated \$100 to Ark-LA-Tex SAR Chapter to defray donation for this year.

A motion was made by Bill Sekel for Ark-LA-Tex SAR Chapter to purchase 10 wreaths for Wreaths Across America for \$170 for use in the area. Danny Addington seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Sekel donated \$50 to Ark-LA-Tex SAR Chapter to help defray the cost.

Danny Addington donated \$100 to Ark-LA-Tex SAR Chapter to help defray the cost.

Rodney Love donated \$20 to Ark-LA-Tex SAR Chapter to help defray the cost.

Old Liberty(18) and Cortland(84) cemeteries will be done this year. Wreaths can be ordered early and buy one and get one. They will be shipped in December.

Announcements:

Possibility of having a teaching event of how to retire a flag at area schools.

Each person in the Chapter needs pick something that is close to their heart and take that area. For example: flag etiquette, veterans, Wreaths Across America, etc.

Christmas Parade in Atlanta Dec. 7. Members welcome to participate.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Rodney Love seconded by Joe Reynolds. Motion carried unanimously.

Closing Admonition: President Clarence Burns led members in the SAR Closing Admonition.

Benediction by: Bob Vernon

Minutes submitted for approval by Secretary Rodney G. Love