

Sons of the American Revolution
Bluebonnet Chapter #41
March 10, 2020

Bluebonnet Chapter, #41 SAR, met at the Marble Falls Library on March 10, 2020

President Greco called the meeting to order at 11:05 A.M..

Convocation given by Charles Sadler, Chaplain

Pledges to the flags were led by President Greco.

President Greco introduced the guests. There were three guests (two DAR Sisters and one prospective Compatriot, application pending) and seven members. Prospective members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Minutes were published, sent via E-Mail to members, no corrections, changes or additions made, Minutes were considered approved, and not required to be read.

Treasurer report given by Compatriot David Reddrop

January 31, 2020

Opening Balance of \$765.12
Deposits
\$48.00 Application fees
\$59.00 Donation from Thrivent Financial
Disbursements
None
Closing balance February 29, 2020
\$872.12

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Compatriot Glenn Rhyne and seconded by Compatriot Gary Bruton. Treasurers' report accepted and approved.

Registrar's Report by Gary Bruton.

Nine applications are in various stages. One prospective member's application was found to be fairly easy, as his sister had already submitted her application to become a DAR Sister. All that was needed to complete his application was to provide proof of lineage with his sisters application.

Applicants to SAR are a primary source of providing documented genealogical lineage for membership requirements. This includes Birth/Death Certificates, Marriage Certificates Census records, etc. Chapter Registrar may assist when an applicant reaches a dead end. Chapter Registrar will verify documentation and ensure all data required for membership is provided.

Old Business

Chapter New Officers Induction. No new officers inducted. All current Officers had agreed to remain at their current position for one more year. No induction required.

125th TXSSAR Annual Convention. To be held in the Woodlands, TX. (Conroe) March 26th - March 29th 2020. Hotel information can be found on the TXSSAR web site.

Constitution Camp held at Lakeshore Library, Burnet County February 10, 2020. Was a nice affair which generated interest in membership. Attendees appreciated presentations.

new business

Friday, March 13, 2020 there will be a Constitution Camp at Spicewood Elementary School. Two sessions, with the first starting at 8:00am.

Award presentations. President Greco presented the SAR Pin to Compatriots David Reddrop, Charles Sadler, Glenn Rhyne and Gary Bruton. Also, presented to Compatriot Gary Bruton was his SAR name tag showing his position as Registrar.

Burnet High School to be presented with a Flag Certificate later this week.

125th TXSSAR Annual Convention. To be held in the Woodlands, TX. (Conroe) March 26th - March 29th 2020 at the Westin Hotel. Conference and hotel information can be found on the TXSSAR web site. Our Chapter currently has 27 up to date members, which allows us up to three voting members on various issues raised.

Compatriot Charles Bush provided a fact sheet for President Greco to read to membership on COVID19. Some areas covered were population most at risk, persons over 60, those with weakened immune system, etc. The life of the virus on different types of surfaces. Some symptoms that may be encountered and how they differed from other flu like illnesses. How to prepare for the virus and how to mitigate its effects.

Americanism/President Generals Report. An annual reporting requirement for each Chapter. It shows all events and activities in which our Chapter participated. Chapter participation is required to earn points toward recognition, Flag Streamers, etc.

Program

President Greco introduced our guest speaker, DAR Sister Maxine Heath, former First Lady of Texas SAR and Bluebonnet Chapter #41. Maxine is the wife of the late Jim Heath. Jim was a long time member of the chapter, holding several Officer positions.

How a remarkable woman, Helen Kogel Denton, knew how to keep a secret — the biggest secret in the world.

Corporal Denton, the woman who typed General Dwight D. Eisenhower's final orders authorizing the June 6, 1944 D-day Normandy invasion in World War II. She kept this secret for 60 years.

We learned that out of a secretarial staff of 30, Corporal Denton was THE secretary to General Eisenhower. For nearly two months she typed page after page of dictation and from the stack of papers that were brought to her. Each page required three copies. Of the strict security measures required, carbon papers and type writer ribbons burned at the end of each day. How she was given the opportunity to meet General Eisenhower, who asked if she knew what she had typed. She replied the battle plans for the invasion of Normandy.

She knew it all, down to the smallest detail. Everything, except the date for D-day.

After DAR Sister Maxine Heath completed her outstanding presentation, there was a special awards presentation. President Greco awarded Maxine a Certificate of Outstanding Citizenship and pin for all of her work with Bluebonnet Chapter #41 and to the community.

Closing Admonition given by President Greco

Benediction given by Charles Sadler, Chaplain

Next meeting will be April 14, 2020

Note: The chapter is still planning to hold meetings on Saturdays, dates to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05PM

Glenn Rhyne
Secretary, SAR
Bluebonnet Chapter #41