

## **CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES – Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The September Meeting was called to order @ 9:00 am by Chapter President Van Fossen. Vice President Mark Harrison reviewed the Meeting Guidelines for using the ZOOM application.

Harrison delivered the Invocation and Van Fossen led the Chapter in the Pledges to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR.

Van Fossen welcomed all to the meeting and expressed the good news that today's meeting, with 40 compatriots tuned in, is our largest ZOOM meeting to date. Van Fossen introduced **State SAR President, Drake Peddie**, to give an update on our State activities.

President Peddie thanked the Chapter for inviting him to speak. He added that even though we all have been sequestered during this pandemic, he has been quite busy. He had been with 3 different Chapters this week. William Hightower, Dallas and Texas Tech (with the DAR). Peddie informed us that all live, face to face meetings at the State level had been cancelled thru the end of the year:

The South Central District meeting (that the Dallas Chapter was to host in Richardson) will be a ZOOM meeting next Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. All interested can tune in and Van Fossen will send out the ZOOM contact information.

The Fall BOM (to be hosted by the McKinney Chapter at the Frisco Hyatt) will be a ZOOM meeting the week before Thanksgiving – more details to come.

The Spring State Annual Meeting will be held in Richardson at the Hyatt on April 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, if we are able to resume live meetings by then.

President Peddie expressed thanks to all the activities the various Chapters have undertaken during this time. He encouraged each of us to work to improve all of the functions of the Chapter, detail the activities, correct any problems that are found and make suggestions to help improve the function of the Chapter and the State organization. He said we should strive to make the SAR easier to join, quicker to educate new members, simplify our processes and make us a more modern, transparent organization.

Peddie closed by congratulating Dr. Jim Johnson of the Denton Chapter, who was on the call, for being on the cover of the Fall SAR Magazine and have an article about him and his illustrative art work at many of our Chapter, State and National meetings. WELL DONE JIM...!

Van Fossen turned the meeting over to VP Harrison for the introduction of the days speaker.....Dr. Gary Sisson, who delivered (on tape replay) his famous presentation of PATRICK HENRY'S "Give me Liberty or Give me Death" speech.

Sisson, a Former Chapter President and State Historian, presented the Henry speech with the help of Compatriots Whitelock, Greer and Johnson on a recorded format from 2011. It had been seen by a few members in the past but many members since 2015 had not. Very well done and received. Thank you [Dr. Sisson](#). Gary has since retired from giving this presentation after giving more than 150+ of them in 10 years in 3 different states.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

After the morning's presentation, Harrison gave his 1<sup>st</sup> VP report stating that the October 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting will feature Larry Collins from the McKinney Chapter talking about "Understanding the Declaration of Independence".

2nd Vice President Jack Carpenter, who was not on the call, has his report on file with President.

Registrar Jerry Pinkerton stated that he, with the help of Mark Morgan, have 19 approved members to be inducted, 2 of which will be done next Saturday morning at the home of JD Martin. There are 4 more applications on their way to National and they have submitted many supplemental applications for 7 members. Jerry has also developed an outline for doing new member inductions either at a remote location or by virtual ceremony. Jerry and mark have been VERY busy during the lockdown.....!!

Historian Brent Harshman continues to gather and collate material for the Chapter Scrapbook and encouraged all members to send him any material to be included in this year's project. [brentharshman@protonmail.com](mailto:brentharshman@protonmail.com)

Treasurer Nick Harper was able to join the call and gave the up-to-date Treasurers Report, which he has been filing with the President every month since we stopped having face to face meetings in March.

Bill Watts reported for the Color Guard that we have the new member induction next Saturday and a posting of the Colors for the DAR Chapter in Waxahachie on Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. He is still working on the Wreaths Across American and the Massing of the Colors in Ft. Worth. He stated the Annual Veterans Parade in November in Dallas has been cancelled.

There was no Old Business to discuss and for New Business Van Fossen gave a Shout Out to [Inland Registrar Jerry Brown](#) for handling (with Bill Hurst's help) over 150+ applications/supplementals since March 1<sup>st</sup>. Van Fossen also "Welcomed" Brown BACK INTO the Dallas Chapter, as he had been listed as a member of the Edmond Terrell Chapter...

Van Fossen gave the Benediction, Harrison announced the Door Prize winner and Van Fossen led the SAR Recessional and Adjourned the meeting at 10:09 am.

NEXT MONTH.....OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> @ 9:00 am, see you all then..!

Submitted by your Acting Secretary....TVF