

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting
July 11, 2020 (via ZOOM)
Denton Chapter #23, Texas SAR**



10:00 AM

President Mike Connelley called the meeting to order via the ZOOM video conferencing format. There were 9 members and 3 nonmembers in attendance. The meeting began with a prayer by chapter chaplain Joseph "Bill" Rowell. The three visitors were TL Holden, registrar at large; potential member Jim Akers and potential member Scott Smith. This was followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to the Texas Flag and the SAR pledge.

An Ancestor Role Call was done by chapter president Mike Connelley, chapter vice president Jim Johnson and chapter treasurer Chris Strauss.

Treasurer Chris Strauss gave a treasurer's report. The current bank balance is \$2114.34 which is the same as the prior chapter meeting. Strauss stated that the chapter dues have yet to be received from Texas SAR; Strauss states the State treasurer is apparently having some difficulty in getting the funds dispersed to chapters around the State. This was discussed and if the money is not received in the next few weeks, **chapter president Connelley** will attempt to rectify this with the State Treasurer.

New Business

Chapter member Tom Richards discussed the fact that he has possession of some of the Colonial clothing and replica muskets that were owned by deceased chapter member "Sonny" Replogle. He is offering these items to chapter members to purchase before Linda Logan, Sonny's friend, moves away from the Denton area.

Past president Chris Strauss mentioned that the chapter should consider placing an SAR grave marker on "Sonny's" grave at which time we know of its location. Members on the ZOOM meeting were in agreement with this suggestion. Contact will be maintained with Linda on the location of the burial site.

President Mike Connelley discussed the Texas Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation and Museum, Denton and the program they have of putting US flags out in Denton area cemeteries on holidays celebrating the lives / sacrifices of military veterans. The local DAR chapter is actively involved in this program and the discussion surrounded the Denton SAR chapter becoming involved in the future. The idea was accepted by members and further discussion will be held along with the possibility of the SAR chapter working with the local DAR chapter in their efforts of putting out the flags on National Veterans Days.

President Connelley also discussed the Public Service awards program of the TEXAS SAR. He mentioned that during the year 2019-2020, Texas presented the most Public Service and Heroism Commendations. The Denton Chapter agreed to institute awards from this program during the year beginning in 2021.

The Texas SAR Convention is still planned for the end of July in the Houston area. It is understood that the Texas SAR Officers will be meeting this next week to make the final decision on the 2020 Texas SAR Convention. President Connelley mentioned that the next meeting will be in October 2020 and is scheduled to be held in what he recalls to be First Presbyterian Church, Denton, Texas. The meeting will be scheduled on Saturday, October 10, 2020.

President Mike Connelley called for the adjournment of the meeting at 10:40AM since we were close to our time limit with a free meeting with ZOOM. Attendance was 12; 9 members and 3 visitors.

L. Michael Connelley, chapter president and secretary, Denton Chapter #23, Denton, TX