

Minutes for Chapter Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting
December 12, 2017
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

1:00 p.m.

President Mike Connelley called the Board of Managers' (BOM) meeting to order. The meeting was held at Woodhaven Country Club. Those present were President Mike Connelley, President-elect Gerry Gieger, Vice-President-elect Chase Sanger, Registrar-elect David Davidson, James Alderman, Bobby Gresham, Bob Truitt, Don Goodman, Ken Cox, and Secretary-elect Ron Turner.

1. President Connelley opened a discussion on the agenda for the January meeting. There will be a lot of visitors. The meeting will be in the large ballroom. Various DAR chapters may be represented. Registrar-elect Davidson tasked with ensuring all visitors' names are captured for introductions. Law Enforcement Award will also occur. Chapter will present several medals during the meeting. Compatriot Drake Peddie will induct our new slate of officers. President-elect Gieger will assume the chair for the meeting following the induction. The Sea Cadet Award will occur February 3 and Compatriot John Anderson wishes to attend/present the award. A DAR Color Guard program is scheduled for February.
2. President Connelley opened a discussion on the 2018 Meeting Calendar. He discussed preliminary topics for the months. A discussion occurred on whether to pay for meals when attending outside group (DAR) functions. Compatriot Alderman recommended that the chapter cover the expenses when not comped. Compatriot Cox made a motion that the chapter cover these expenses. President-elect Gieger wished to amend the motion so that color guard members cover the first time, then the chapter may pick up further expenses. Motion passed. President Connelley opened discussion on possible topics for monthly meetings. Compatriot Alderman suggested 2018 programs should be focused on individuals.
3. President Connelley opened discussion on the chapter's website and newsletter. He asked for comments on changes. Do we need Facebook or some other social media venue? General consensus was that we don't need it. Compatriot Alderman suggested Secretary-elect Turner do another presentation on how to use the website, along with the state and national sites. Secretary-elect Turner commented that he sent the December issue of the newsletter to the Newsletter and Publications Contest for NSSAR.
4. National Congress is in Houston in July 2018. Discussion on how the chapter should participate. Compatriot Alderman opened discussion on the upcoming national society tour to France. He discussed his experience and highly recommends it. Details are in the NSSAR magazine.
5. President Connelley opened a discussion on chapter funds. Funds are slowly growing but we don't spend a lot. Discussion centered on how and to what we possibly can donate to. The Board discussed our support for CAR with donations in light of our strong cash balance, along with our need to better support CAR projects. There was no opposition and no vote taken regarding amount or timing. President Connelley opened a discussion on a fund raiser. Do we need to raise funds with our current bank balances? The consensus was no.
6. President Connelley opened discussion on what should we emphasize in 2018. The Vice-President is assumed to be the program chair each year. Officer roles and duties are laid out in the chapter By-Laws. Consensus was that we don't do a good job of notifying membership that meeting minutes are

posted and available for review. All communications should be sent out through the Secretary. Secretary-elect Turner stated he would improve chapter communications.

7. President Connelley opened discussion of words on wisdom for the new slate of officers.
8. President-elect Gieger discussed presenting a medal to Chaplain Roger L. Tate for his many years serving as Chapter Chaplain. Compatriot Alderman suggested it be something Chaplain Tate can wear on his lapel, such as a cross mounted on a cockade. No one offered any objections.
9. Registrar-elect Davidson asked about the EMT award. It is presented at our February meeting.
10. Compatriot Goodman explained differences between Heroism awards.

A motion was made, and seconded, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Turner, Secretary-elect, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas SAR, NSSAR