

Minutes for Chapter Meeting

July 19, 2014

Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9 am. President Russ Leavens called the meeting to order. Opening prayer offered by Chaplain Roger Tate. VP Mike Connelley led the pledges to the flag of the United States of America, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas and the pledge to the SAR flag.

Ancestors Roll Call and introduction of all members and guests were led by Pres. Leavens. Seventeen members and three guests were present.

Minutes of the June 21 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's report was presented by VP Connelley. It was approved by unanimous vote.

Genealogist Gerry Gieger reported one new member approved, and two prospects. He also reported the recent death of compatriot Don Cowley.

Compatriot John Anderson introduced his guest, Compatriot David Friels, President of the Arlington Chapter. President Friels presented to President Leavens a Certificate of Thanks and monetary honorarium for the use of our chapter trailer as a decorated float in the Arlington City parade for July 4th, 2014. In the discussion that followed the comment was made that the trailer was originally donated to our chapter by former president compatriot Robert Truitt. He will be pleased because he wanted the trailer to be used as much as possible.

Compatriot Sam Akins moved and Gerry Gieger seconded, that our chapter increase cooperation with the Grapevine DAR, for higher visibility and potentially help add to membership growth. Motion was voted on and approved.

Pres. Leavens called for chapter vote on the previously distributed Amendment to Chapter By-Laws regarding the election of officers. The election will be held in the fall in order to align with the schedule of state officers' elections. This will enable new officers to take the oath of office in January and serve the entire calendar year. Vote carried. Amendment approved.

Program Chairman Roger Tate introduced our speaker, Compatriot Chester A. Hardy, who presented an outstanding program on Documenting Our Genealogy. He presented and demonstrated a very functional system of building and maintaining Family Ancestral and Reference Files in a loose-leaf notebook. The files were complete with a Table of Contents, single lineage file pages, family portraits, and Family Line Connection Charts. His data pages were careful to include all personal data but also stories and records on each members' history to show forth their character, career, culture and faith. It was noteworthy that he captured not only names and data, but also what they did with their life. Compatriot Hardy's program was captivatingly interesting and personally inspiring.

Program Chairman Tate thanked Compatriot Hardy for the program and announced that the August program will be presented by the Fort Worth City Librarian Rene Gomez. It will be on the topic of "life in the Fort Worth river bottom during the Victorian era."

Having no further business or committee reports, VP Connelley led the closing admonition, Chaplain Tate offered the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.