

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
September 20, 2014
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9:00 a.m.

President Russell Leavens called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplain** Roger Tate led the invocation.
- **President** Leavens led the pledge 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.
- **President** Leavens requested an Ancestor roll call from the members present and introduced our special guest, Hank Voegtle, the State Secretary with TXSSAR.
- **President** Leavens requested the previous month's minutes be considered as posted on the Chapter Web page. The minutes were approved as posted.
- **President** Leavens introduced new member Dave Whalen who is a reinstated member of the SAR, originally an SAR member from Oregon.
- **The program** for the month was introduced by member Roger Tate; the speaker is Jose Aguilar, with the Tarrant County Public Health. He gave a presentation on personal preparation for emergencies such as hurricanes, tornados, floods and other such disasters that threaten the health or well-being of individuals or families.

Reports from the Officers

- **President** Leavens called for reports from the chapter officers and committees. **District Vice President Alderman** mentioned that TXSSAR will be hosting the Board of Managers (BOM) meeting in Temple, TX over the weekend of November 7-9,2014 as a reminder to those who wish to attend. **Compatriot** Gerry Gieger also mentioned the chapter/color guard will be participating in the Fort Worth Veterans' Day parade on 11/11/2014 along with the Massing of the Colors ceremony at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX on 11/9/2014.
- **Vice President** Mike Connelley mentioned that Secretary Ralph Smith was absent today and he was taking notes for the chapter minutes. Connelley also reminded the members that we are in the time period of the beginning of our youth scholarship contests and that each member should be alter to spread the word on the various competitions in the Eagle Scout competition and the Knight Essay contest competition. Mike also made mention of the new / nearly new member mentor meetings that the chapter has started; the next meeting will be scheduled in the 30-60 days.
- **Treasurer** Vaughn Oliver reported that the balance in the three funds of the chapter are \$7,252.43 in the operating fund; \$2,288.30 in the Pray TCU Fund and \$1,777.24 in the Goodman Youth Fund for a total in all three accounts of \$11,317.97. Oliver noted that the operating fund is low at this time because the deposits from the August 2014 meeting did not make the bank account. Oliver stated that Donald Goodman probably has the funds and did not get this deposited before his accident; Oliver will make contact with Goodman concerning the non-deposited funds.
- **Genealogist** Gerry Gieger expressed his concern that the application for membership from Texas are low and asked members to be alert to all who are interested in membership.

- **District** Vice President Alderman pointed out this next year is the focus for the recognition of the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Viet Nam era. There will be many activities and function over this year, so be sure and let the chapter chairman know if you participate in any functions.
- **Compatriot** Chris Blair stated that the list of past chapter presidents he has seen needs to have some errors corrected and the form updated with recent past presidents. James Alderman noted he has the original of that word document on his computer and stated he will get with Chris Blair and get the document corrected.
- President Russell Leavens called for a motion to adjourn.
- **President** Leavens led the recessional.
- **Chaplain** Roger Tate gave the benediction and the meeting was concluded at 10:20AM. In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 21 members and 5 guests for a total of 26 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence M. Connelley, Vice President,, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter