

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
November 15, 2014
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9:00 a.m.

President Russell Leavens called the meeting to order and announced results from State Board of Managers meeting in Temple, TX Nov 7-8. Former President Ray Leftwich was awarded the Liberty Medal for the chapter, and it provides a streamer for the Chapter SAR flag which was received by **Sergeant At Arms** Bobby Bonham. Also our chapter received the Partners in Patriotism Award for the support we provided the USO earlier this year.

- **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 led Ancestors Roll Call and introduction of guests.
- **President** Leavens recognized **Program Chairman** Compatriot Roger Tate who introduced our program, The FBI, presented by our own **Vice President** Mike Connelley. He gave an outstanding informational briefing on the history, leadership, mission, personnel and performance procedures of the FBI.
- **President** Leavens announced a called meeting of the chapter Board of Managers for Monday November 17. He then requested a motion and second regarding approval of the minutes of last month's meeting as posted on the Chapter Web page. Motion carried in a voice vote and the minutes were approved as posted.

Reports from the Officers

- **President** Leavens called for reports from the chapter officers and committees.
- **Treasurer** Vaughn Oliver reported that the balance in the three funds of the chapter are \$7,319.88 in the operating fund; \$2,288.50 in the Pray TCU Fund and \$1,777.39 in the Goodman Youth Fund for a total in all three accounts of \$11,385.77.
- **Eagle Scout Award Chairman** Compatriot Dr. Scott Manning reported there are three good candidates for the award.
- **VA Award Chairman** Paul Valentine mentioned that for the report on donations to veterans we need to know and list the thrift store dollar value of the items donated.
- **Tarrant County Veterans Council** Representative Compatriot Ken Cox reported a successful Veteran's Day Parade. Past President Hubert Foster hosted the dignitary's reception at 10 am in the restaurant adjacent to the reviewing stand. Ken reported the work is underway to develop the them for the 2015 parade.
- **Vice President** Connelley commented that it is time to convene the nominating committee for next year's officers. Also, he will be conducting soon a new member orientation and mentor briefing.
- **Police Award Chairman Compatriot** Chris Blair reported that the award will be presented at the January meeting. **District VP** Alderman introduced a motion to present also at the January meeting the **SAR Good Citizenship Award** to retiring Fort Worth Chief of Police Jeff Halstead. 2d by Gerry Gieger, motion was carried by voice vote. Compatriot Don Goodman will contact the office of the Chief to inform them of the award and make presentation arrangements.

- **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 10:30AM. In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 24 members and 5 guests for a total of 29 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Smith, Secretary, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter