

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**June 20, 2015**  
**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**

**9:00 a.m.**

**President** Russell Leavens called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplin** 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. Leavens requested a roll call of our Patriot ancestors **President** Leavens then gave a talk on the book entitled "George Washington's Sacred Fire" which researches the topic of the Christian beliefs, actions and utterances of our first President.
- **President** Leavens requested the previous month's minutes be accepted as posted on the Chapter Web page. The minutes were approved as posted.

**Reports from the Officers**

- **President** Leavens called for reports from chapter officers and committees.
- **Vice President** Mike Connelley reported that Compatriot Steven Smith is studying the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary roll for the Chapter and will make a decision on this matter in a short time.
- **Treasurer** Vaughn Oliver was absent but **Vice President Connelley** gave the report prepared by Oliver. The three accounts carry a total balance of \$12,714.86 with \$8519.78 in the operating fund; \$2,289.16 in the TCU Pray fund and \$1,905.92 in the Goodman Youth Fund.
- **Genealogist** Gerry Gieger reported he has had two new members approved but the official paperwork has yet to arrive. Induction will be conducted at a later meeting. Gieger made reference to the color guard participation in the DAR Flag Day event on 6/13/2015. Mention was also made of the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade at White Hills neighborhood celebration starting at Donald Goodman's house. The week after that will be City of Crowley Freedom Festival will occur and the Chapter will have an information booth there for the SAR information recruitment activities.

**Old and New Business**

Donald Goodman reported that the chapter is collection books, magazines, DVDs for delivery to the VA hospital in Dallas. Many contributions have been received and they are being given to the VA hospital. Goodman's daughter delivers them to Dallas.

Gerry Gieger reminded all members to be alert to homes, churches, or businesses that properly display the flag and the chapter will award them a certificate for these efforts. This activity is reported on the annual report; make sure the secretary knows about any certificate presented in this capacity.

President Leavens presented a Certificate for the "Galveston Award" to chapter member Dr. Harold Johnson for a major cash contribution to SAR activities.

Ken Cox reported that the big DAR "Welcome Home" event for Vietnam Veterans that was cancelled this past month has been reset for Saturday morning, 8/1/2015 at Veteran's Park in White Settlement,

TX; make plans to attend or assist the DAR in the event. Cox also made reference to the Benbrook-Terrell motorcycle event which celebrates the WWII training of British pilots during WWII along with the October celebration of the Bankhead Highway Commemoration event set for October 2015.

- **President** Leavens called for a motion to adjourn.
- **President** Leavens led the recessional.
- **Chaplain** Roger Tate gave the benediction and the meeting was concluded at 10:15 AM. In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 19 members and 1 guest for a total of 20 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

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