

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
September 16, 2017
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9:00 a.m.

President Mike Connelley called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplin** Roger Tate led the invocation. Mention was made of the death of chapter member Roy T. Rimmer who passed away in August 2017.
- **President** Connelley 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 Connelley had the members mention any known facts on their Patriot Ancestor's religious beliefs or knowledge of the denomination; all of this in line with today's talk on Christianity during the American Revolution.
- Chapter member James Alderman gave a very good presentation on Christianity during the American Revolution. Next month, October, the chapter will have a talk on Yorktown.

Reports from the Officers:

- **President** Connelley called for acceptance of the Secretary's report for August which is online; it was accepted as posted.
- **Treasurer** Vaughn Oliver reported the account balances at \$9,334.14 for the operating account; Pray TCU fund at \$1,778.75, and the Goodman Youth fund at \$2,452.50, for a total of \$13,565.39.

Old and New Business

The chapter had a discussion on several items including The Dallas SAR chapter sponsorship of a social event on November 5 in Dallas. The National SAR Congress will be in Houston, Texas on July 13-18; hopefully many in the chapter will attend. James Alderman reported the nominating committee is working diligently on the slate of officers for the next two year term, beginning in January 2018.

The newsletter has been suggested to out in PDF format rather than Word format; only one chapter member present expressed concern over being able to view the PDF format; other comments were positive toward using PDF. No firm decision was made during the meeting.

The National SAR organization has come up with a new "lifesaving medal" to be part of the Public Service and Heroism Report. **Chapter member Mike Howe** will monitor/coordinate the chapter's presentation of this medal. The Lifesaving medal is to be presented when "acts that save a human life without necessarily placing the life of the rescuer in imminent danger. It is intended primarily for citizens' not in uniform but does not exclude police, fire."

The Texas SAR will host the Board of Managers meeting in Galveston during the month of October. A report will be brought back to the chapter at the October meeting.

- **President** Connelley called for a motion to adjourn and led the chapter in the SAR recessional.
- **Chaplain** Roger Tate gave the benediction and the meeting was concluded at 10:30 a.m. In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 17 members and one guest for a total of 18 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence M. Connelley, President, Major K. M. Van Zandt chapter; report done in the absence of Secretary Steven Smith.