

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**August 18, 2018**  
**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**



9:03 a.m.

**President Gerry Gieger** called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplain Roger Tate** led the invocation.
- **Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham** led the pledge to the flag of the United States, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas, and the pledge to the SAR flag.
- **President Gieger** welcomed our regular guest Mrs. Lila Davidson.
- **President Gieger** asked for a roll call of ancestors.
- **Compatriot John Anderson** presented a report that Houston Congress was very successful. 140 volunteers from the Texas Society worked Congress. Compatriot Anderson has SAR bumper stickers for \$3 donations. A new SAR logo was approved at Congress. **Texas SAR President Tom Jackson** reports that 100% of comments were positive on Texas' hosting of the event. **President Gieger** added remarks on his experience at Congress.
- **Compatriot John Anderson** presented a report on the August 11<sup>th</sup> Grave Marking ceremony in Corsicana, Texas. 72 SAR compatriots signed rosters. **Compatriot Anderson** presented **Chaplain Roger Tate** with a Certificate of Appreciation. **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** reported that the chapter has a Patriot Grave Marker. **Compatriot Anderson** suggested the chapter might consider donating the marker to the state society. Chapter members participating in Corsicana were: **Compatriots John Anderson, James Alderman, Bobby Gresham, David Davidson, Roger Tate, and Ron Turner.**
- **President Gieger** presented a SAR Military Service Veteran Corps certificate to **Compatriot Ken Cox.**
- **Vice President Chase** announced upcoming speakers: **Compatriot Vaughn Oliver** in September, **Texas SAR Secretary Drake Peddie** in October, and Fort Worth **Mayor Betsy Price** in November.
- **Secretary Turner** presented the July minutes as posted on the website. Motion to approve was made and passed.
- **Compatriot Ralph Smith** commended **Secretary Turner** for his efforts on the chapter's monthly newsletter, Chisolm Trail News.
- **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** presented the treasurer's report. Expenditures were \$264.00 and income was \$279.00. Operating fund balance is \$9,462.14; Pray TCU Award fund is \$1,529.21; Goodman Youth Fund is \$2,253.16; balance is \$13,244.51. The financial report was accepted as presented. Motion passed.
- **Commander Gresham** thanked all the participants for their participation at Corsicana. The next event will be September 15<sup>th</sup> for the DAR luncheon. Then, Veteran's Day and Massing of the Colors on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively.

- **President Gieger** asked for Assistant Registrar volunteers to assist **Registrar Davidson** during his illness. **Compatriots Scott Manning** and **Kevin Shellman** volunteered.
- **President Gieger** asked for volunteers to lead and work on the Poster Contest. **Secretary Turner** has stepped down from the chairmanship due to other commitments. **Compatriot Connelley** discussed that every member needs to be a committee of one and addressed that involvement in the contest is a state-wide problem.
- **Compatriot Connelley** presented an overview of the plans for the October 2019 SAR BOM meeting in Arlington. Our chapter and the Arlington Chapter will co-host the meeting. **Compatriots John Anderson, Ron Turner, and Mike Connelley** comprise the planning committee. We have a proposed contract with the Arlington Hilton. The committee has approved the contract and has forwarded it to the Texas Society for state approval. The meeting will occur the weekend of Oct 3-6, 2019 and will require a lot of manpower to successfully host the meeting. Put it on your calendar and plan to assist.
- **Compatriot Anderson** reported that the SAR every year is invited to support the DAR Continental House near the main gate at the Texas State Fair. It's a matter of greeting visitors and providing them with knowledge of the SAR and what we're all about. The State Fair runs from Friday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Available shifts are two SAR people per shift. The morning shift is from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the afternoon shift is from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. A minimum of 3 shifts entitles you to get your own free parking pass. Contact John Anderson at [janders981@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janders981@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions. The sign-up process is easy. Go to:  
  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49a5aa2aabf85-texas1>
- **Treasurer Oliver** mentioned that he continues to get email scam wanting our SAR chapter bank account information. Everyone needs to be cautious.
- Motion to adjourn was made by **Treasurer Oliver**, seconded by **Compatriot Alderman** and approved by voice vote.
- **Color Guard Commander Gresham** led the closing.
- **Chaplain Tate** gave the benediction.
- The meeting was concluded at 10:30 a.m.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 20 members and 1 guest for a total of 21 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ronald J. Turner**, Secretary, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR