

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
May 18, 2019
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR



8:30 a.m.

President Gerry Gieger called the meeting to order.

- A moment of silence was held in memory of **Compatriot Donald Goodman**; then **Chaplain Roger Tate** led the invocation.
- The Chapter enjoyed a plated breakfast.
- **President Gieger** called the business meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- **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 guests and prospective members. **Compatriot John Anderson** introduced the visitors from the Arlington Chapter (Jerry Cope, Ron Carter, David Friels) and **Secretary Ron Turner** introduced the applicants in attendance (Robert Arthur, Donald & Sherrye Woodworth, Tim Baker, Anthony & Andrew Walker).
- **Compatriot Mike Connelley** recognized the chapter veterans and distributed Vietnam Veteran commemorative pins for members to hand out to Vietnam Era veterans. **Secretary Turner** reminded everyone to notify the secretary of how many pins each member distributed.
- **Compatriot James Alderman** discussed the Mt. Gilead Memorial Day event. This year, multi-heritage societies will participate in the firing squad. Members are encouraged to participate either at the Mt. Gilead event or some other Memorial Day event. Be sure to advise the chapter secretary of your participation.
- **President Gieger** announced that **Vice President Chase Sanger** has resigned his Vice Presidency and is moving to Woodstock, Georgia. **Vice President Sanger** has been accepted into the Wounded Warrior Fellowship program and **Secretary Turner** explained what the Wounded Warrior Fellowship program entails. The chapter wishes **Vice President Sanger** well in his future endeavors and he will be missed!
- **President Gieger** presented **Compatriot Jeff Kennedy** with two SAR Veteran Corp certificates.
- **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** presented the program on "Southern Campaigns," concentrating on the Siege of Old Ninety-Six. **Compatriot Vann Cunningham** and **Secretary Turner** both had patriot ancestors in the Siege of Old Ninety-Six.
- **Secretary Turner** presented the April minutes as posted on the website and emailed to the membership. Motion to approve was made by **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** and seconded by **Compatriot Scott Manning**. Motion passed.
- **Compatriot Alderman** reported that all the ROTC/JROTC awards are complete.

- **Treasurer Oliver** presented the treasurer's report. Expenditures were \$403.00, and income was \$342.00. Operating fund balance is \$7,756.57; Pray TCU Award fund is \$1,129.55 following issuing this year's award of \$250.00; and Goodman Youth Fund is \$1,676.64 following issuing the following two awards: \$200.00 Essay and \$200.00 Oratorical, and \$27.00 to NSSAR; BOM account is \$490.53; total balance is \$11,053.29. The report was accepted as presented. **Treasurer Oliver** encouraged the membership to donate to the Operating Fund, Pray TCU Awards Fund, and the Goodman Youth Fund – all tax deductible. **Compatriot Scott Manning** made a motion, and **Compatriot Ken Cox** seconded, to increase the TCU History Award from \$250 to \$500. Motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. At that point, **Compatriot Kevin Shellman** offered to match it, bringing the total to \$1,000.00.
- **President Gieger** will call a chapter Board of Managers meeting within the next two months to address the expected budget shortfall in the Pray TCU Awards Fund and the Goodman Youth Fund.
- **President Gieger** appointed a Nominating Committee chaired by **Past President Mike Connelley**. **Past President James Alderman** and **Past President Ken Cox** were appointed to the committee as well. The committee will present a slate of officers at the October chapter meeting. Election occurs at the November chapter meeting.
- **President Gieger** announced the next meeting is Saturday, June 15th. Program is to be determined.
- **Compatriot Connelley** announced the BOM Volunteer meeting will be held in the country club's restaurant following today's chapter meeting.
- **Compatriot Cox** announced a flag retirement ceremony at American Legion Post 516 at 8:00 p.m. on Memorial Day (Monday, May 27th).
- **President Gieger** entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made and seconded. It was approved by voice vote.
- **Commander Gresham** led the closing admonition, followed by **Chaplain Tate's** benediction.
- The meeting was concluded at 10:20 a.m.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 17 members and 9 guests for a total of 26 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

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