

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
August 17, 2019
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR



8:30 a.m.

- **Chaplain Roger Tate** led the invocation.
- The Chapter enjoyed a plated breakfast.

President Gerry 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 prospective members and guests.
- **President Gieger** introduced Pamela Oldham and awarded her the SAR Emergency Medical Services medal.
- **President Gieger** awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Award to **Secretary Ron Turner** for his devotion to the chapter and taking on multiple leadership roles as Chapter Secretary, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, and Acting Registrar.
- **President Gieger** administered the oath to new **Compatriot Tommie Harvey** and **Compatriot Damon Harvey**. **Secretary/Acting Registrar Turner** pinned the SAR Rosette on Tommie and Damon's shirt collars.
- **President Gieger** introduced **Andrew Walker**, Children of the American Revolution National Historian, who provided a short history of C.A.R. and talked on activities and projects of the C.A.R. Andrew entertained questions following his presentation.
- **Secretary Turner** presented the July minutes as posted on the website and emailed to the membership. **Compatriot James Alderman** moved that the minutes be accepted as published. Motion passed.
- **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** presented the treasurer's report. Expenditures were \$559.00, and income was \$304.00. Operating fund balance is \$8,584.20; Pray TCU Award fund is \$1,129.64; and Goodman Youth Fund is \$1,676.78; BOM account is \$1,809.53; total balance is \$13,200.15. The report was accepted as presented.
- **President Gieger** remarked on upcoming presentations of the Martha Washington medal to DAR ladies. There may be up to eight awards this year. Any DAR lady who sponsors three SAR applications is eligible for the medal.
- **Compatriot Alderman** reminded the membership that the chapter is a 503c organization and that all donations are tax deductible.

- **President Gieger** remarked on the importance of supporting and donating items to the Board of Managers meeting.
- **Compatriot John Anderson** commented that SAR members can assist at the DAR House for SAR recruitment during the State Fair of Texas. The fair begins on September 21 for three weekends. volunteers are needed to man an information booth for the D.A.R./S.A.R. from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.
- **Compatriot Ken Cox** commented on the annual Veteran’s Day Parade on November 11th. The chapter will have a trailer in the parade. Also, a committee is working on a Vietnam Memorial for the City of Fort Worth in Veteran’s Memorial Park. The city has approved the plans and it should be completed in time for the Medal of Honor convention in 2020. A contest is starting among school children for the design of the memorial. Donations will be greatly appreciated. Cost is projected to be \$15,000.
- **Color Guard Commander Gresham** commented on upcoming events that all members can participate in: Massing of the Colors, Veteran’s Day Parade (with or without a uniform) and Wreaths Across America.
- **Compatriot Alderman** commented on a lady buried in Oakwood who is a “real daughter” of an American Patriot. Chapter will provide a color guard unit when appropriate. **President Gieger** provided an overview of what the status of “real daughter” means.
- **Compatriot Connelley** discussed the upcoming Board of Managers Meeting in greater detail. The sponsoring chapters get 100% of the profits but that is based upon the amount of money collected at the frontend. He explained the process for the Raffle and Silent Auction. He encouraged the purchase of Raffle tickets, donation of items, and participation.
- **Compatriot Scott Manning** discussed the Eagle Scout Award and that we have at least one person interested. **Compatriot Anderson** reminded everyone that we also have the Oration Contest. **Compatriot Connelley** stated that a home school group will have numerous entrants in the oration, poster, brochure contests.
- **President Gieger** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Compatriot Manning** made the motion to adjourn. It was approved by voice vote.
- **Commander Gresham** led the closing admonition, followed by **Chaplain Tate’s** benediction.
- The meeting was concluded at 10:15 a.m.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 22 members and 8 guests for a total of 30 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

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