

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
September 19, 2020
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR



President Ron Turner called the ZOOM 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 Turner welcomed all participants. Attendance was 22.

President Turner called for Officer Reports.

- **Vice President Bobby Gresham** reported good attendance at the August meeting that was moved at the last minute to the American Legion Post on Loop 820 East.
- **Secretary Kevin Shellman** presented the minutes for August which were posted on the website and a link was sent to all members for review. Motion to accept as posted was approved.
- **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** presented the treasurer's report; there were no expenses and no income. Motion to accept as presented was approved.
- **Historian Kevin Shellman** had no report.
- **Registrar Gerry Gieger** reported that he is working on a couple of new member applications. **President Turner** reported he is finishing up the 4 or 5 applications he has in progress and then will be turning all application processing over to the Registrar.
- **Chaplain Roger Tate** was not present. No report.
- **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. Members were urged to volunteer and / or register for this event.
- **Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham** reported that four members of the Color Guard would post the colors at the DAR Constitution Luncheon at Ridglea Country Club today at 11:00 a.m. This is the first CG activity since the start of Covid.

Old Business:

- **President Turner** reported that a total of 29 out of 100 wreaths have been sponsored for Wreaths Across America at Oakwood Cemetery. He encouraged all to support this project.

New Business:

- **Compatriot Mike Connelley** requested **President Turner** remind everyone of the new members Zoom meeting on September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

- South Central District meeting was cancelled in August and a Zoom meeting is occurring today at 2:00 p.m. John Anderson explained that due to cancelled hotel contracts during the Covid period, one state of the five is balking at providing funds for their fair share of cancelled contract fees. All members can vote, and your vote is needed to force all five states to share the expenses.
- Mark Your Calendars
 - Fall BOM moved to Nov. 13-15 in Frisco. All are encouraged to attend.
 - 126th Annual Texas Society Convention is scheduled for April 14-18, 2021, at the Hyatt Hotel in Richardson. All are encouraged to attend.
 - Plans are underway for a summer BOM via Zoom in August. Dates to be determined.
 - Fall BOM 2021 is scheduled for October 7-10 in Clear Lake City at the NASA Hilton.
- **Compatriot Ken Cox** reported that the Veteran's Day Parade will be held 11/11/2020 but will only be motorized – no marching units. **President Turner** stated that all **must** wear masks. Float riders will be limited to chapter members.
- **Compatriot Gieger** reported that the Massing of the Colors ceremony will be a virtual composite of previous ceremonies.
- **President Turner** asked for feedback on Zoom meeting. Comments indicated that although in-person meetings were best, we should also seriously think about having an occasional Zoom meeting. **President Turner** will have the Chapter BOM consider this prior to 2021. It was suggested that we also try a combined live/Zoom meeting.
- A discussion ensued on Woodhaven Country Club during Covid.
- **Vice President Gresham** reported that our program for October will be the awarding of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and the Fire Department Commendation Medal. **Compatriot Oliver** will present the program in November.
- Wreaths Across America is scheduled for Saturday, December 19th.
- **President Turner** reported on his upcoming activities awarding medals to DAR ladies. He will provide a detailed report at the October meeting.
- **Compatriot Gieger** has now presented 50+ Flag Certificates.
- **Compatriot John Anderson** advised everyone to be sure to read their SAR Magazine which features Denton Chapter **Compatriot Jim Johnson** on the cover and an excellent article on his artwork.
- **Compatriot Doug Schwetke** has frontiersman hunting shirts for sale at \$40 per shirt. These are shirts from the Virginia Society who produced them for the cancelled Virginia National Congress. These are an inexpensive way to get into a uniform and the CG.

Conclusion

- **President Turner** led the closing admonition.
- **President Turner** entertained a motion to adjourn which was seconded and approved.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Turner, President