



Minutes for Chapter Meeting
June 17, 2023
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9:30 a.m.

President Bobby Gresham called the meeting to order.

- **Color Guard commander Vann Cunningham** led the pledge to the flag of the United States, The Texas Flag and the Flag of the Sons of the American Revolution. Gresham mentioned that he had spoken with Don Woodworth and the pancreatic cancer his wife is suffering with is now shown to be “benign” and they are going to begin radiation in an effort to reduce the size of the tumors.

NEW BUSINESS

- **President Gresham** introduced new chapter member Mark Todd Nash, Southlake, Texas to the members in attendance. Nash was inducted by Past Texas State President Drake Peddie who is the speaker at today’s chapter meeting. It was mentioned that **prospective member Joe Wade’s** application has been approved and he will be inducted as soon as the paper work arrives.
- **President Gresham** introduced past State president Drake Peddie who spoke on the current activities and status of the Texas Organization.

Peddie pointed out that the State organization continues to grow along with the National membership numbers. Peddie also mentioned that an increase in dues from the National SAR is planned. Peddie discussed the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Nation and that plans are being discussed for events at both the National level and the State level. He urged members to attend both the State convention and the Board of Managers meetings in order to stay fully informed on SAR activities.

Peddie suggested that the Van Zandt chapter should consider making a bid for one of the upcoming State meetings, whether a BOM meeting or the annual State convention meeting. He explained that it would be a good fund raiser for the chapter.

- **President Gresham** recognized color guard commander **Vann Cunningham** who stated that plans are under way for the chapter members to participate in the July 4th parade; details to follow.
- **John Anderson, State Historian** mentioned that changes are under consideration for the movement of the State archive records; probable move to a location other than North Texas State University.
- **Gresham** recognized past president Mike Connelley who was filing in today for the absent chapter treasurer. **Past president Connelley** stated he received a copy of the treasurer report

from Anthony Walker which shows the chapter operating fund balance \$11,617.42 with the Pray TCU fund at \$2,644.66 and the Goodman Youth fund at \$1,022.95. The report was voted on and accepted. The topic of increasing the balance in the two youth funds came up. **Connelley** mentioned that special contributions could be collected at any future meeting with the understanding that those funds would go to build up the balance in the youth funds. There was favorable discussion on this point and it was decided that youth fund donations would be a topic at the upcoming chapter board of managers meeting to be called by chapter president Bobby Gresham.

Kevin Shellman mentioned that he is still making some additions / changes to the current chapter constitution and stated that this topic would also be further discussed at the upcoming chapter board of managers meeting, the date, time and location to be set by chapter president Bobby Gresham.

- **Past president Gerry Gieger** gave both the invocation and the benediction at the end of the meeting.
- **Chapter president Gresham** concluded the meeting at 10:50AM
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation were 18 attendees, 16 members and 2 guests.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Michael Connelley, past chapter president, K M Van Zandt chapter, Fort Worth, TX

(Filling in for an absent **Mark Parkison**, Chapter Secretary)