



Minutes for Chapter Meeting
May 18, 2024
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9:30 a.m.

President Ron Turner called the meeting to order.

- **Gerry Gieger** offered the invocation.
- **Vice President Steve Hole** led the pledge to the flag of the United States, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas, the pledge to the SAR, and SAR mission statement.
- **President Ron Turner** welcomed guests and members.
- **President Ron Turner** introduced Daniel Dreese, the chapter's Eagle Scout winner for 2024, who read his essay "Top-Notch Battle Strategy and How America Employed it during the Revolutionary War." The winner was recognized and presented with a certificate and SAR Eagle Scout patch from the chapter.
- **President Ron Turner** also acknowledged two chapter members and their respective years as members of the Major K M Van Zandt chapter; Kevin Shellman, 10 years, and Roger Cox, 30 years.

OFFICER REPORTS

- **President Ron Turner** called for the Secretary, and Treasurer Reports which were approved by the chapter. Operation fund balance is \$17,669.36. Pray TCU Award balance is \$2,552.16. Goodman Youth Fund balance is \$1,640.45. Total amount is \$21,861.97.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Vice President Steven Hole** was recognized and made note of the fact that Fort Worth has just been identified as the 12th largest metropolitan area in the Nation with an officially estimated population of 978,468. Also, in the "top twelve" is Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin.
- **Vice President Steve Hole** discussed the upcoming grave marking of two Revolutionary War veterans buried in Texas; the grave sites are in Maud, TX and Clarksville, TX. Chapter members are urged to attend this grave marking ceremony on June 1st and to monitor Texas SAR emails and chapter emails with details of the event. Members of the K M Van Zandt chapter color

guard will be participating. The ceremony in Maud begins at 11:00 am and the ceremony in Clarksville begins at 2:00 pm.

- **Registrar Bob Jacobs** was recognized; he mentioned one new chapter member has been approved and that he is currently working on 6 active supplemental Patriot recognitions for chapter members.
- **President Ron Turner**, in the absence of the Chaplain, commented that Registrar Jacobs is currently undergoing radiation / chemo treatment which will limit his activities for a number of weeks / months in the future. **Jacobs** commented the medical update was positive and he is hopeful for a quick and successful treatment of the cancer.
- **Past President James Alderman** stated that in the absence of Color Guard Commander Cunningham, he is noting that the color guard will participate in an event on May 23, 2024, at the Mt. Gilead Cemetery, Keller, Texas. The ceremony begins at 11:00 am and uniformed guardsmen should arrive by 10:30 am. Alderman also noted that the 2024 ROTC / JROTC award program has been completed with award ceremonies conducted at 19 area high schools and colleges.
- **Historian John Anderson**, the Texas SAR Historian, presented a program on the current situation with saving / storage of State and chapter SAR activities and programs. Anderson explained that all chapters should be cataloging and memorializing their meetings, community activities, and awards events each year. He noted the State has lost the ability to store all of these “digital” records since North Texas University, Denton, TX has declined to digitize and store this information in the future. The plan is to store the digitized SAR records on the Texas SAR website; details of this are still being studied and discussed. At this time, Anderson recommends that chapters store their digitized records on “thumb drives” or put them on their chapter websites.
- **Historian John Anderson** presented James Alderman and Ron Turner with the Texas SAR Historian Honor Award and Lapel Pin. This award was created by Historian Anderson, with approval from the Texas SAR President, and is presented to Texas SAR individuals in recognition and sincere appreciation of their endless contributions and valuable services as a dedicated Compatriot of the Texas Sons of the American Revolution.
- **President Ron Turner** stated the drawing for the raffle of the SAR Commemorative Boston Tea Party Henry Rifle will be conducted. The chapter ticket sales resulted in a net profit to the chapter of \$3409.26 which is to be equally divided between the Pray Youth fund and the TCU History fund. The winning ticket drawn by Mrs. Yvette Scott was in the name of “Aaron Vest”, the son of Ja Ann Alderman, wife of chapter member James Alderman.

- **Mrs. Ja Ann Alderman** provided an explanation of the new name for the DAR SAR Liaison Committee.
- **President Ron Turner** had a motion to adjourn the chapter meeting which was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:38AM.
- **Vice President Steve Hole** led the SAR Closing Admonition.
- **Gerry Gieger** offered the Benediction.
- In attendance, per sign-in sheet and observation were 18 members and 7 guests for a total of 25 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Parkison, Chapter Secretary.