



Minutes for Chapter Meeting
June 15, 2024
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9:30 a.m.

President Ron Turner called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** offered the invocation.
- **Guest Major Braden** 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 including prospective member Brent Cheatham, CAR member Major Braden, DAR member Georgianna Braden.
- **President Ron Turner** presented Major with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation, an SAR C.A.R. Bronze Medal, and a Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Challenge Coin. Major is a founding member of the new Molly Pitcher Chapter, Children of the American Revolution, in Grapevine. The new chapter covers the area for Keller, Roanoke, Trophy Club, Southlake, Grapevine, and Flower Mound. Major was accompanied by his mother, Georgianna Braden, Regent, Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR, Grapevine.
- **President Ron Turner** recognized Gerry Gieger for 25 years as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Kevin Shellman was recognized for 10 years as a member. Also recognized for five years as a member were Tommie Harvey and William Bannister.

OFFICER REPORTS

- **President Ron Turner** called for the Treasurer Report which was approved by the chapter. Operation fund balance is \$14,560.11. Pray TCU Award balance is \$4,246.79. Goodman Youth Fund balance is \$3,335.08. The treasurer report total is \$22,141.98.
- **President Ron Turner** called for the Secretary Report. The May and June chapter meeting minutes will be submitted together for the July 20 chapter meeting.
- **Historian and Quartermaster John Anderson** reported the State Historical Meeting will be on June 27 at 7 PM via Zoom. Medals and paper products will be ordered for the chapter.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- **Cody Sheppard** noted on Friday, June 14th, members of the chapter traveled to Weatherford, Texas, to present awards to two employees of the Parker County Hospital District Training Center. The chapter will present the SAR EMS Commendation Medal to Kaitlyn Johnson and Drew Clinkscales.
- **Chapter President Ron Turner** noted there are many opportunities for 4th of July celebrations in north Texas.

PROGRAM

- **Historian John Anderson** played a video on the construction of the new SAR Education Center and Museum being built in Louisville, Kentucky. Planned to open in 2026, \$8M in donations are still needed.
- **James Alderman** gave a presentation “Christianity and the American Revolution”.

OLD BUSINESS

- The bench project for Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless, Texas is in work.

NEW BUSINESS

- **President Turner** reported the Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade will be on Nov 11. A volunteer is needed to represent the chapter on the Veterans Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next meeting is July 20.
- **Vice President Steve Hole** gave the Closing Admonition, **Chaplain Ralph Smith** offered the Benediction and **President Ron Turner** adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

In attendance, per sign-in sheet and observation were 23 members and 4 guests for a total of 27 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Parkison, Chapter Secretary.