



**Minutes for Chapter Meeting
September 28, 2024**

Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

Vice President Steve Hole called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** gave the invocation.
- **Vice President 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 flag, and the SAR Mission Statement.
- **Vice President Hole** welcomed members, prospective members (Brent Cheatham, Jeff Andre, and Jon Gift) and guest (Joy Leftwich).
- **Vice President Hole** inducted Walter Scott Manning III as the chapter's newest member. **President Ron Turner** assisted by pinning Compatriot Manning with the SAR Rosette.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary Mark Parkison** was not in attendance. The minutes for the August chapter meeting was emailed to the membership and a motion to approve as submitted passed unanimously.
- **Treasurer Anthony Walker** was not in attendance. **President Turner** presented the treasurer's report. As of September 28th, the Operating Fund balance was \$15,100.15. The Pray TCU Award Fund balance was \$4,246.79. The Goodman Youth Fund balance was \$3,335.08. The total bank balance was \$22,682.02. The report was accepted unanimously.
- **Vice President Steve Hole** reported that the next Commemorative Rifle is a 357/38 Henry Big Boy. It will commemorate the First Continental Congress. A discussion ensued on another raffle and **President Turner** suggested this be tabled until the November meeting. **Vice President Hole** reminded all of the signup for the SAR table at the State Fair of Texas. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Fall BOM in Austin on November 1-3 and the U.S. Naturalization Ceremony in Grapevine on October 23rd.
- **Registrar Bob Jacobs** received a very warm welcome back following his medical leave of absence. **President and Assistant Registrar Turner** reported that eleven new member and sixteen supplemental applications are currently awaiting national approval. One supplemental is in the state registrar approval process and three new member applications are waiting for signatures. He also provided an overall of where all our chapter applications stand in the line for approval (considering only Texas applications). He reported that new member applications are currently taking 16 weeks for approval and supplementals have risen to 60 weeks for approval.
- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** read a prayer composed for the First Continental Congress.

- **Historian John Anderson** reported that he had Texas SAR History books (Vol I) available for sale at \$20 each. Volume I covers the years 1896 to 1980, Volume II covers the years 1980 to 2002, and Volume III will cover the years 2002 to 2025 and is currently in development. Volume I and II are available in PDF format for \$5 each. Volume II is sold out in book form.
- **Quartermaster John Anderson** reported no activity.
- **Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham** was not in attendance.

Program:

- **Historian Anderson** presented a video titled "The Voice, The Pen, The Sword" which is available to view on YouTube.
- **Vice President Hole** presented several short videos on the topic of Maj. Gen. Benedict Arnold and his wife. The videos are on the Smithsonian Channel.

Old Business.

- **Compatriot Kevin Shellman** provided an update on the purchase of a removeable cover for the chapter's parade trailer. His next step is to obtain a price quote.

New Business.

- **President Turner** discussed the need to have a permanent memorial wreath for the chapter to use at various events. He made a motion to purchase a wreath not to exceed \$100. Following some discussion, it was suggested the amount should not exceed \$300. **President Turner** agreed to amend his motion to the suggested amount not to exceed \$300. The motion was approved unanimously.
- **Compatriot Gerry Gieger** asked about Wreaths Across America (WAA). **President Turner** reported that our goal for Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth was 150 sponsored wreaths and that currently 115 wreaths are sponsored. A motion for the chapter to sponsor the remaining 35 wreaths was made and approved unanimously. **Compatriot Gieger** also discussed the opportunity to sponsor wreaths at Pioneer's Rest Cemetery. He would like us to also sponsor WAA at Pioneer's Rest. **President Turner** suggested that the chapter defer sponsoring wreaths at Pioneer's Rest until the 2025 WAA campaign.

Announcements

- The next chapter meeting will be October 19th.
- **Vice President Hole** led the closing admonition.
- **Chaplain Smith** offered the benediction.
- **Vice President Hole** entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Per the sign-in sheet and observation, there were 20 members and 4 guests in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

President Ron Turner, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR