

# TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## EAST TEXAS CHAPTER NUMBER 57

GREG GILLILAND – SECRETARY

### APRIL 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The chapter met at Jason's on April 6, 2023 at 6:45. The meeting was called to order by Mickey Cole, President. Pledges to the United States, Texas and SAR flags were given. Carl Hedges gave the invocation. The minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

#### **Old Business:**

None.

#### **New Business:**

The President reported that April is the chapter's 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He has updated the chapter history with pictures of past presidents.

The President discussed the history of the chapter since 1995 when the charter was issued. Records were located with the assistance of the first president's son Lee Booth, Compatriot Rodney Gilstrap, and Willis Library at U of North Texas. The founding president Talmadge Booth was a founding member of the Jefferson chapter (#20). A large number of that chapter's members were from Longview. In late 1994 Mr Booth suggested moving the meeting location to Longview and increasing the number of meetings per year. When these efforts failed, he began exploring forming a new Chapter in Gregg County. Within three months he had organized the chapter, obtained sufficient pledges and commitments to submit a request for a new chapter in Longview. His request was immediately approved and a new chapter was chartered on March 11, 1995. At this time there were now two SAR chapters in east Texas.

There were several founding member families with multiple members including the Booths, Kimbroughs, and Northcutts. By the next January, Chapter 57 had about 70 members and had become a vibrant club and was the recipient of various awards.

Our website will soon have a detailed documentation of our Chapter's beginnings, history and other historical facts.

The meeting was adjourned with the SAR Closing and the benediction by Carl Hedges. The next meeting will be held June 6, 2023.

Greg Gilliland - Secretary

## Members and guests present at the April 6, 2023 meeting

Mickey Cole

Carolyn Cole

Ken Blount

Jan Blount

Carl Hedges

Greg Gilliland

Dave Conner

Barney Jones

Rachel Jones

William Cole

Gary Fletcher

J R Kuna

Patti McElligott

George Pruett

Linda Pruett

John Whitsell

Suzanne Whitsell

# SAR Chapter 57 Treasurer's Report

Mar/Apr 2023

Beginning Balance: 3/01/2023:

\$1933.56

Deposits:

\$0.00

Total Deposits:

\$0.00

Checks: Mickey Cole - Medals, Certs

\$117.00

Total Checks:

\$117.00

Ending Balance: 4/30/2023:

\$1816.56

Submitted: Gary Fletcher, Treasurer