

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
May 16, 2015
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9:06 a.m.

President Russell Leavens called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplin** Roger Tate led the invocation and provided some information on the funeral service for Brig Gen Vail. The chapter was well represented at the service.
- **President** Leavens asked Past President James Alderman to lead the pledge to the flag of the United States of America, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas, and the pledge to the SAR flag. President Leavens requested an Ancestor Roll Call.
- **President** Leavens requested the previous month's minutes be considered as posted on the Chapter Web page. The minutes were approved as posted.
- **President** Leavens asked for Chaplain Roger Tate to introduce our program speaker, Compatriot Don Goodman. Don gave a very informative talk on the role of Arbitrator and how it works with disputes.
- **President** Leavens called on Past Pres James Alderman to conduct the new member induction of Compatriot Samuel Hinckley. Ray Leftwich assisted. Samuel's mother, Debra Hinckley was in attendance and came up for the final photographs.

Announcements

- Everyone was reminded of the Fag Day event supporting the Fort Worth Chapter, NSDAR. Color Guard will present the colors on June 13th at the Botanical Gardens in Ft Worth.
- The 4th of July parade in Don Goodman's neighborhood was confirmed. Participants should arrive by 9:00am at Don's house.
- James Alderman announced that we had completed another year of JROTC/ROTC awards and thanked, Gerry Gieger, Vaughn Oliver, Russell Leavens, Bobby Gresham for their support in making this happen. We presented a total of 19 awards.

Reports from the Officers

- **President** Leavens called for reports from chapter officers and committees.
- **Vice President** Mike Connelley - in the VP's absence, James Alderman asked for a volunteer to take over the Secretary's position. There is a strong need and we have members who could support this. Compatriot Stephen Smith volunteered.
- **Treasurer** Vaughn Oliver - report was read and a copy is filed with the Secretary; balance in all three accounts totals \$12,743.55.
- **Genealogist** Gerry Gieger - no formal report.
- **Sergeant at Arms** Bobby Bonham - no report.
- **Program Chairman** Roger Tate - no program is lined up for June but President Leavens agreed to give a report on the religious faith of George Washington.
- **Chaplain** Roger Tate - commented that he presented the Vail family with a grave marker.

Committee Reports

- James Alderman commented on needing photos of presentations for the newsletter. Vaughn Oliver indicated he had a photo for the TCU History Award and AFROTC Award. Ray Leftwich also indicated he had photos of the Crowley HS JROTC event.
 - Eagle Scout - it was announced that the new Nation Award has been raised to \$10K.
 - DAR/CAR - James Alderman requested we find a liaison to work with these groups as we have not had one in a while.
 - Flag Awards - everyone was encouraged to nominate a business or person to receive this award.
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- **President** Leavens called for a motion to adjourn.
 - **President** Leavens led the recessional.
 - **Chaplain** Roger Tate gave the benediction and the meeting was concluded at 10:15 AM. In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 14 members and 5 guests for a total of 19 attendees.

The initial report was prepared by James Alderman, past President, based upon his notes and observations with final report done by Vice President Mike Connelley.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence M. Connelley, Vice President and Acting, Secretary, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter