

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**June 18, 2016**  
**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**

**8:55 a.m.**

**President** Mike Connelley called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplin** Roger Tate led the invocation.
- **Compatriot** James Alderman led 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** Connelley introduced two new members, Ron Turner and Charles McHenry. The oath was given to both new members.
- Life Member Certificates were distributed to two of three members of the chapter, Don Goodman and Randoll Reagan. The third recipient, Bob Truitt, was unavailable for the June meeting.

**Reports from the Officers:**

- **Treasurer** Vaughn Oliver, reported that the combined balances for all the chapter accounts was \$13,363,13. The account balances were \$9138.46 in the operating account; \$2,028.01 in the Pray/TCU Fund and \$2,196.55 in the Goodman Youth Fund. The deposits included the dues funding from TXSSAR along with the contributions taken up for Officer Matt Pearce.
- **The** secretary report for April meetings was approved as posted on the chapter website.

A special committee was appointed by President Mike Connelley to study the current TXSSAR report on the dropped chapter members from the last few years. This report carries over 3000 names of dropped members from all Texas chapters with the Van Zandt chapter having about 110 names on the list. Vice President Gerry Gieger will chair the committee composed of David Davidson, Mike Howe, and James Alderman. The committee will address the issue of the dropped members to see if any can, or should, be reinstated.

A collection was taken up for Fort Worth Police Department Officer Matt Pearce; today's total was \$260.00. This will be combined with what was collected in April 2016 and provided to Officer Matt Pearce. The total amount collected for Officer Matt Pearce was \$600.00

- **Compatriot** Ned LaRowe from the Plano chapter presented part one of a two-part presentation on the origins of freedom of religion in America and how this has evolved under the Constitution and the Supreme Court.
- **President** Mike Connelley called for the adjourned the meeting with member James Alderman leading in the recessional.
- **Chaplain** Roger Tate gave the benediction and the meeting was concluded at 10:45 AM. In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 23 members and 7 guests for a total of 30 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence M. Connelley, President, K M Van Zandt chapter, in the absence of Secretary Stephen E. Smith.