

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**June 16, 2018**  
**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**



9:00 a.m.

**President Gerry Gieger** called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplain Roger Tate** led the invocation.
- **Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham** led the pledge to the flag of the United States, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas, and the pledge to the SAR flag.
- **President Gieger** welcomed visitor, Jim Hanlon (Brazos Valley Chapter), and our guest speaker, John Greer.
- **President Gieger** introduced **Compatriot John Greer** who presented a program on Past Presidents of the Texas Society. John asked for a show of hands of Veterans. On June 26<sup>th</sup>, Bonham VA will feed the entire population of the Bonham VA. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate in Bonham. John distributed a list of past Presidents for reference and presented historical facts on various men who have served as Texas President or as President General of the National Society. Six men have served in both positions.
- There was no old business to conduct.
- **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** presented the treasurer's report. Expenditures were \$312.00 and income was \$273.00. Operating fund balance is \$9,419.14; Pray TCU Award fund is \$1,529.13; Goodman Youth Fund is \$2,253.05; balance is \$13,201.32. **President Gieger** accepted the report as presented. Motion passed.
- **President Gieger** presented the May minutes as posted on the website. Motion to approve was made and passed.
- **Treasurer Oliver** made remarks on the recent San Diego shooting. He is close family friend to John Lawrence who was shot and has asked the Houston Chapter to nominate him for the Heroism Award from the SAR. He proposed that our chapter offset what the Houston chapter will or won't do. Motion was made and accepted. **President Gieger** addressed problems with awards to an Everman policeman and fireman. **Compatriot Greer** remarked that May 15<sup>th</sup> each year is the salute to fallen officers.
- **Compatriot Ken Cox** remarked on problems with the SAR booth at Props and Hops Festival. He reminded everyone that the Veterans Day Parade is on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The local VA clinic is going to do another feed this year. Plans are in the works to add a Veteran's memorial at Veterans Park.
- Everyone planning on participating in the White Lake Hills July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade should be at Don's house by 8:45 a.m. Can participate with or without a uniform.

- **President Gieger** asked how many read the Chisholm Trail News and especially the President's Article on the national flag. **Compatriot Ralph Smith** reminded everyone that June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day and June 15<sup>th</sup> was the date when George Washington was appointed as Commander of the Army.
- **Compatriot John Anderson** remarked on the new search feature at the top of both the public and private Texas Society websites.
- **Compatriot Anderson** followed up on the project to honor deceased past presidents. He asked for member participation on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. for a ceremony in Corsicana to honor two past presidents buried in Oakwood Cemetery. The city of Corsicana, the local DAR chapter, and a SAR Color Guard will participate.
- **Color Guard Commander Gresham** gave a report on the DAR Flag Ceremony at the Cowgirl Museum. **Compatriot Ron Turner** provided an update on the Vietnam Veteran pin program for HUD and Presbyterian Night Shelter. Between both ceremonies, approximately 50 pins were distributed. **President Gieger** suggested each member carry a pin and present it to Vietnam Veterans when you encounter them.
- **Compatriot Anderson** made a motion to adjourn. Motion approved.
- **Compatriot Anderson** led the closing admonition and the meeting was concluded at 10:30 a.m.
- **Chaplain Tate** gave the benediction.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 18 members and 3 guests for a total of 21 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ronald J. Turner**, Secretary, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR