

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
October 20, 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.
- **Compatriot James Alderman** 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** commented on the low attendance this month. Our speaker, State Secretary Drake Peddie, cancelled due to his mother's illness. We offer our prayers for a speedy recovery.
- **President Gieger** announced that we were not able to locate a recipient from the city of Fort Worth for the Fire Fighter Award. It was noted that perhaps we need to look outside the city of Fort Worth at some of the smaller cities.
- **President Gieger** welcomed **Division 5 VP Ron Carter**. VP Carter presented a Liberty Medal and Certificate to **Compatriot James Alderman**. The Liberty Medal is awarded by the National Society to any member who is the first-line sponsor on 10 new member SAR applications.
- **President Gieger** announced the chapter received The Partners in Patriotism Certificate for Patriotic Outreach at the 2018 National Congress. It was presented to the chapter at the 2018 Fall BOM Meeting in New Braunfels. Discussion ensued on distributing Vietnam Commemorative pins.
- **President Gieger** announced we will participate with the DAR at the Armed Forces Bowl on December 22 at TCU. We represent the SAR and talk to individuals interested in perhaps joining the SAR. If you want to participate, please join us, and if you have a uniform, please wear it.
- **Compatriot Mike Connelley** reminded everyone that the chapter agreed to co-host the 2019 October BOM meeting. Contract signing will occur within the next few weeks. Lots of volunteer opportunities will be available. **Secretary Turner** added that the Planning committee, along with Texas Society **President Tom Jackson** and **President-elect David Temple**, completed a hotel site visit this past week. Planning is progressing.
- **President Gieger** presented the treasurer's report. Expenditures were \$350.00, and income was \$271.00. Operating fund balance is \$9,229.64; Pray TCU Award fund is \$1,529.29; Goodman Youth Fund is \$2,253.27; balance is \$13,012.20. The financial report was accepted as presented.
- **Compatriot Alderman** explained the history of the TCU History Award Fund. Kevin Shellman offered to match the amount if the chapter can get the award amount up to \$500. VP Carter also announced that the State History Teacher Award has been enhanced so that now the award is offered at all three levels: elementary, middle, and high school. We should be placing an emphasis on these awards.

- **President Gieger** remarked on the recent passing of **Registrar David Davidson**. All the Davidson family expressed their appreciation for the attendance of the Color Guard at the burial and chapter members at the funeral the next day. **President Gieger** commended David for his volunteerism at the DAR Continental House at the Texas State Fair in 2017. **Compatriot Turner** noted an effort is under way to have David awarded with the Texas Society Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard medal posthumously.
- **Secretary Turner** presented the August minutes as posted on the website. Motion to approve was made and passed.
- **Secretary Turner** reminded everyone that we are collecting monies for Fort Worth Police Officer Garrett Hull who died in September while in the line of duty. **Secretary Turner** passed his colonial hat and collected a total of \$295.00. It was recommended that we repeat the collection at next month's meeting due to the light attendance and then present the family with the monies after the first of the year.
- **Compatriot Ken Cox** reminded the members of the Massing of the Colors Ceremony on November 4th at Trimble Tech High School at 2:30p.m. Muster on the front lawn by 2:00 p.m. Flags will be U.S. and SAR National Flag.
- **Compatriot Ken Cox** addressed the Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 10th at 11:00 a.m. The parade is always on November 11th. When Veterans Day falls on Sunday, it is moved to Saturday, such as is the case this year. The City of Fort Worth code restricts all parades to after 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day on Saturday. The Veterans Day Parade is the only parade with an exception to city code. The assembly area is the old Tandy Parking Lot beginning at 7:30 a.m. Recommendation is that participants be there no later than 9:30 a.m. due to various street closings the closer to parade kick-off. **Compatriot Turner** will pick up chapter trailer from **Compatriot Ray Leftwich**. The trailer needs new taillights, wiring, and painting. **Compatriot Cox** moved that the chapter spend the money to get the trailer upgraded and painted. **Vice President Chase Sanger** seconded, and the motion passed.
- **Vice President Sanger** asked for speaker volunteers for 2019. If you know of someone or if you want to present a program yourself, please contact Chase.
- **Compatriot Alderman** noted that the Col. E.W. Taylor Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (Bedford) will conduct a commemoration service and dedication of a monument for a World War I soldier at Oakwood Cemetery on November 3rd at 9:00 a.m. All are invited. **Compatriot Cox** noted that the DAR is marking all Tarrant County cemeteries that have WWI veterans buried in them.
- **Someone** asked about due notices. Learned at last week's BOM in New Braunfels, **Secretary Turner** noted that the group was told the notices are at the printer's and it is the printer that is responsible for mailing them. That should occur very shortly, if it hasn't already.
- Motion to adjourn was made by **Compatriot Alderman** and approved by voice vote.
- **President Gieger** led the closing.
- **Chaplain Tate** gave the benediction.

- The meeting was concluded at 10:40 a.m.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 13 members and 2 guests for a total of 15 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

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