

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**November 17, 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 a multitude of guests.
- **President Gieger** introduced **Compatriot Mike Connelley** who recognized and honored all members who served in the United States Armed Forces. He mentioned the current program that honors those who served in the Vietnam War.
- **President Gieger** welcomed the Honorable **Betsy Price**, Mayor of Fort Worth. **Chaplain Roger Tate** introduced the Mayor.

**Mayor Price** spent time commenting on the status and reputation of the City of Fort Worth. She addressed several priorities that the city will focus on during the next several years: Education, quality Child Care, Blue Zone Certification for the city, Economic Development, and the River Vision Project. **Mayor Price** opened the meeting to questions. She provided updates on the Walsh Ranch on the west side of Fort Worth, the new Tarleton State University Campus in the southwest section, and the Stockyards.

**Compatriot Ken Cox**, on behalf of the Veterans Council, presented **Mayor Price** with a Department of Veterans National Committee Certificate designating the city as a Regional Site for the observance of Veterans Day 2018. Next year's parade is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fort Worth Veterans Parade.

- **President Gieger** addressed our absence from the Veterans Day Parade and **Secretary Ron Turner** passed pictures around of the muddy attempt to extract the chapter trailer.
- **President Gieger** introduced **Jim & Dalyne Hull**, parents of Fort Worth Police Officer Garrett Hull. He presented the SAR Heroism Medal posthumously to Officer Garrett Hull, along with a \$1,000 monetary donation to the Hull family.
- **President Gieger** introduced new members **Roy Noack** and **Roscoe Van Zandt III**. **President Gieger** administered the new member oath. **Compatriot James Alderman** pinned the new members with SAR rosettes.
- **Commander Gresham** gave a report on the Massing of the Colors. **Compatriots Turner** and **Jerry Cope** (Arlington) represented the Fort Worth and Arlington Chapters at the ceremony at Trimble Tech High School in Fort Worth on November 4th. **Commander Gresham** also invited all to join the Color Guard.

- **Secretary Turner** provided an update on website enhancements that include: an In Memoriam page (under Membership) listing all of our known deceased compatriots, a page for Military Stores and Supplies for anyone interested in obtaining a uniform or musket, and an Events page for advertising upcoming meetings (State Convention, National Congress, and 2019 Fall BOM).

**Secretary Turner** presented the November minutes as posted on the website and emailed to the membership. Motion to approve was made and passed.

- **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** presented the treasurer's report. Expenditures were \$1317.55, and income was \$1094.00. Operating fund balance is \$9,006.09; Pray TCU Award fund is \$1,379.33; Goodman Youth Fund is \$2,103.33; balance is \$12,488.75. The financial report was accepted as presented.

**Treasurer Oliver** also gave an update on reasons and steps taken to bring Officer Hull donation up to \$1,000. \$600 was received from members and \$400 was taken from chapter funds, split between Operating, Pray TCU, and Goodman Youth Funds. **Treasurer Oliver** presented a motion with a second from **Compatriot Mike Connelley**. Motion passed verbally.

**Compatriot Alderman** suggested that funds should be pulled from general funds instead of Pray TCU/Goodman funds. He also reminded the membership that the chapter passed a motion to raise the TCU award to \$500 with matching funds from **Compatriot Kevin Shellman**.

**Compatriot Smith** suggested that **Secretary Turner** include an article on tax-exempt donations in the November edition of *The Chisholm Trail News*.

- **President Gieger** reminded the membership that we still need a volunteer to step up to head up the Youth Poster Contest.
- **Compatriot Connelley** commented on the Vietnam War pin program. He asked members to comment on their pinning activities of which approximately nine members did so. Be sure to send your pin activities to **Compatriot Connelley** so they can be included in the year-end reports.
- **President Gieger** reminded everyone about the Armed Forces Bowl on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pins are available at the booth for distribution.
- **Compatriot Connelley** commented on 2019 BOM planning activities. We will need volunteers to make the meeting successful and solicitation activity will start in January 2019. Be ready to volunteer!
- **President Gieger** mentioned that **Compatriot Don Goodman** is in rehab and would like visitors either by phone or in person. You can reach Don at 817-284-6236. He should be there for another two to three weeks.
- **Compatriot Alderman** suggested that updates (new lights & rigging plus painting) to the chapter's trailer approved at October's meeting should proceed and not wait until next year.
- **President Gieger** accepted a motion to adjourn. It was approved by voice vote.
- **Commander Gresham** led the closing admonition, followed by Chaplain Tate's benediction.

- The meeting was concluded at 10:38 a.m.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 22 members and 19 guests for a total of 41 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

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