

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
March 16, 2019
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 guests and prospective members.
- **President Gieger** introduced **Texas Society Secretary Drake Peddie** who presented SAR Color Guard medals posthumously to the widow and family of **Compatriot David Davidson** who passed away on October 1, 2018. Mrs. Lila Davidson accepted the awards and introduced all the Davidson family members in attendance.
- **President Gieger** introduced new member **Jeff Kennedy** and his wife Teresa. **Secretary Drake Peddie** inducted **Compatriot Kennedy** and Mrs. Kennedy pinned the SAR Rosette. **Compatriot Kennedy** provided a short overview of his background and his patriot ancestor.
- **Vice President Chase Sanger** introduced **Texas Society Secretary Drake Peddie** as our guest speaker. He spoke on the importance of saving our history – a lively and interesting presentation, filled with humor and little-known stories.
- **President Gieger** asked for Old business (there was none) and then officer reports.
- **Secretary Ron Turner** presented the February minutes as posted on the website and emailed to the membership. Motion to approve was made by **Compatriot Gresham** and passed.
- **Secretary Turner** requested that all in attendance ensure they signed the attendance roster.
- In **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver's** absence, **Secretary Turner** presented the treasurer's report. Expenditures were \$273.00, and income was \$296.00. Operating fund balance is \$8,735.59; Pray TCU Award fund is \$1,379.48; and Goodman Youth Fund is \$2,103.53; BOM account is \$490.53; total balance is \$12,709.13.
- **Vice President Sanger** reviewed the upcoming state convention in April in Austin and the national Congress in Orange County, California, in July. He announced the next meeting is on April 20th and **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** will present a presentation on the South Carolina Conflict. **President Gieger** added his remarks on attending state convention and **Compatriot John Anderson** commented on raffle items that will be offered. In order to pull off the 2019 Fall BOM successfully, all Fort Worth and Arlington chapter members are needed as volunteers.
- **Secretary Turner** discussed the need for new banners for the parade trailer. The current banner is for both the DAR & SAR. The set of banners prior to the current banners are old and showing their age. The North Texas Color Guard has requested that we pull our trailer in the Medal of

Honor Parade in Gainesville on April 13th. We need new banners for just the SAR. These can also be used at the Fall BOM in Arlington. In addition, **Secretary Turner** stated a desire to advertise the chapter via vehicle magnetic signs using the Longhorn Chapter logo. B&G Signs created the current DAR/SAR banners and have provided a quote for the new banners/magnetic signs. Banners will cost \$240.00 and the magnetic signs will cost \$127.50 – a total of \$367.50. **Compatriot Ralph Smith** moved that the chapter purchase the requested signage; **Commander Bobby Gresham** seconded the motion. Motion passed on verbal vote. **Vice President Sanger** requested that **Secretary Turner** send out an email with parade details.

- **Compatriot John Anderson** commended **Secretary Turner** on the article he wrote about the passing of **Emeritus Compatriot Thomas Morgan Woodward**. A memorial ceremony will be scheduled for early summer at the cemetery in Arlington. Details will be forthcoming.
- **Color Guard Commander Gresham** distributed a series of new flags the chapter purchased for Color Guard events. With four new flag poles made by **Compatriot James Alderman**, we can now switch out flags appropriately for various events and won't need to rely on other chapters to provide flags. **Commander Gresham** reviewed the upcoming Color Guard calendar.
- **President Gieger** entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by **Compatriot Ralph Smith** and seconded by **Commander Gresham**. It was approved by voice vote.
- **Commander Gresham** led the closing admonition, followed by **Chaplain Tate's** benediction.
- The meeting was concluded at 10:27 a.m.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 12 members and 15 guests for a total of 27 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

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