

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**February 20, 2021**  
**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**



**President Ron Turner** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

- **President Turner** 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 Turner** welcomed members, guests, and prospective members. He explained that the country club was not open and thus the necessity for conducting the meeting via Zoom. He welcomed Prospective Member Perry Bartholow and his wife Saadia Mai, whose application is ready to send to the state registrar.
- **President Turner** discussed upcoming awards. We have opportunities to present Life Saving Awards to three Mineral Wells firefighters on Wednesday afternoon, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Thanks to Art Munford for planning with the Mineral Wells Fire Department. Awardees are Captain Sam Streun, Firefighter Griffin Walker, and Firefighter Dan Riedlinger. Five Compatriots are going to Mineral Wells for the presentation. Additional award ceremonies are being planned but no dates confirmed yet for a Heroism award and two EMS Commendation awards. **President Turner** is attempting to contact the FWFD to identify and present a Fire Safety award.
- **President Turner** asked for Officer Reports:
  - **Vice President Bobby Gresham**: nothing to report.
  - **Secretary Kevin Shellman**: did not get the minutes done in time to distribute so **President Turner** read the January 2021 minutes. Motion to approve was made by **Compatriot Gieger** and seconded by **Compatriot James Alderman**. Motion passed.
  - **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** presented the treasurer's report and explained the various medal expenditures. **Compatriot Alderman** explained that his donation should have gone to the TCU History Fund. **Treasurer Oliver** will submit a corrected treasurer's report. Corrected Expenditures were \$633.50, and income was \$735.00. Operating fund balance is \$9,717.32; Pray TCU Award fund is \$2,464.27; and Goodman Youth Fund is \$2,712.61; balance is \$14,894.20. Motion to approve was made by **Compatriot Gieger** and seconded by **Vice President Gresham**. The financial report was accepted as presented.
    - **Registrar Gerry Gieger** inquired about inventory for SAR Grave Markers. **Treasurer Oliver** responded that he had purchased several for inventory. **Registrar Gieger** requested one for **Compatriot Bobby Bonham** who died in late 2020.
  - **Historian Kevin Shellman**: nothing to report.
  - **Registrar Gerry Gieger**: nothing to report. **President Turner** reported that he is handling online applications and **Registrar Gieger** is handling all of the PDF applications. **President Turner** reported he has a couple of online applications in work.

- **Chaplain Roger Tate:** not in attendance.
- **Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham:** **President Turner** announced that the DAR Color Guard event for today is cancelled. Nothing else in the foreseeable future. **Commander Gresham** inquired about Frontier Shirts available through **Compatriot Doug Schwetke**. **President Turner** responded that until **Compatriot Schwetke** can make a trip to Virginia, no shirts are available, and even then, there is no guarantee that additional shirts will be available.
- **President Turner** asked for any Old Business.
  - **President Turner** reminded everyone that the Medal of Honor Parade, originally scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>, has been re-scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> in Gainesville. At this time, our trailer is still scheduled for the parade.
  - **Compatriot James Alderman** reported that he has had no response from Commander Jane with the Sea Cadets program regarding the presentation of the Sea Cadet award. He will advise the membership should he hear from her.
  - **Compatriot James Alderman** reported on the JROTC program. He has communicated with all schools regarding this year's award events and has received zero response from them. **Compatriot Art Munford** inquired as to how many medals we present. **Compatriot Alderman** responded that we give one to Army ROTC, one to Air Force ROTC, and approximately 20 JROTC in the pre-covid years. Most units did not participate in 2020 due to Covid-19.
- **President Turner** asked for any New Business.
  - **President Turner** reminded everyone of the upcoming 126<sup>th</sup> Texas Society State Convention which is now scheduled as a ZOOM meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Committee meetings will happen during the week prior as Zoom meetings. Contact committee chairs for invites. **President General Manning** will attend the Friday evening meeting and for Color Guard members in uniform, it counts as a National Color Guard event.
    - **President Turner** presented an issue that the state convention conflicts with our April Chapter Meeting. Our options are to reschedule, cancel the meeting, or have a chapter officer conduct the meeting, either in person or via Zoom. A discussion occurred on the above options and the decision was made to move the meeting to Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, as either an in-person meeting if the country club can accommodate us, or if not, then a zoom meeting.
  - **President Turner** presented a proposal from the Treasurer on what the amounts should be for our various youth awards. Current amounts are \$200 for the youth awards and \$1000 for the TCU History award. Proposal is to increase the amounts to \$500 for the youth awards. Concerns were raised about being able to finance the increased amounts for more than a few years. A discussion resulted in a motion to raise the high school youth program awards to \$300 for the coming year only. This is for the Knight Essay Award, CAR Essay Award, CAR Oration Contest Award, and the Eagle Scout Award. The TCU History

Award is to remain at \$1000. The chapter will review this issue annually. The motion was made by **Compatriot Mike Connelley** and seconded by **Treasurer Oliver**. Motion passed.

- **Registrar Gieger** raised the issue of increasing amounts for elementary school youth programs. A discussion ensued and the consensus was that the awards would remain at current levels and no further action was required.
- **President Turner** inquired if **Treasurer Oliver** was prepared to present the program. He questioned as to whether there was sufficient time or not. **Treasurer Oliver** will present his program during the March Chapter Meeting.
- **Compatriot John Anderson** thanked everyone who attended their Medal of Honor Museum presentation last week during the Arlington chapter meeting.
- **Commander Gresham** advised that everyone needs to remember **Compatriot Jerry Cope** of the Arlington Chapter. He is in the hospital and is not doing well.
- **Commander Gresham** inquired about the marker the chapter installed at Oakwood Cemetery for Mrs. Sarah *White* Henderson, a daughter of a Revolutionary War Patriot. **Compatriots Alderman, Gresham** and **President Turner** installed the new marker on a recent Saturday morning. Her son-in-law also happened to be the first mayor of Fort Worth. Plans are underway for a dedication ceremony later in the spring that will also involve all the DAR chapters, and which may also include a descendant who lives in Austin.
- **Registrar Gieger** reminded everyone that there have been a number of Zoom events recently that qualify as Color Guard events that counted toward medals. **President Turner** recently forwarded an email to all Color Guard members with this information.
- **President Turner** entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by **Compatriot Gresham**. Motion passed.
- **Commander Gresham** led the closing admonition.
- **Registrar Gieger** offered the benediction.
- The meeting was concluded at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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