



Minutes for Chapter Meeting
August 12, 2023
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9:00 a.m.

President Bobby Gresham called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** offered the invocation.
- **President 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.
- **Past President Ron Turner** welcomed the members and guests which included Joy Leftwich, Lauren Sheppard, prospective members Scott Stoddard, Greg Riffel.
- **President Gresham** turned the podium over to **Vice President** Kevin Shellman who introduced Compatriot Vann Cunningham for a presentation of the top ten list of facts about the American Revolutionary War. 10. Bloodiest battle was Breed's Hill (Bunker Hill engagement) with 1,000 British killed and 400 colonists killed. 9. Lafayette was made Major General at 19 and coordinated French forces at Yorktown which outnumbered the American troops. 8. Spying was urged by George Washington and personally oversaw the Culper Spy ring who used invisible ink. 7. John Paul was wanted for two murders and added the surname Jones after he moved to America. John Paul Jones attacked a British port in Ireland and tried to kidnap a Scottish Earl to trade for Americans impressed in the British Navy. 6. Paul Revere was a silversmith who made dentures and first used forensic dentistry to identify a body. 5. Sybil Ludington was the 16-year-old daughter of Colonel Henry Ludington who made an all-night horseback ride 40 miles to notify militia forces in neighboring towns after the burning of Danbury, Connecticut by British troops. 4. Nowhere in the Declaration of Independence is the word "Independence" used. It does mention "free and independent States". Only one person signed on July 4. John Hancock. 3. Daughters of Liberty tarred and feathered people with molasses and flowers instead of hot tar and feathers. 2. Deborah Sampson disguised herself as a man named Robert Shurtleff and joined the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment. She was discovered during a hospital stay, received an honorable discharge and was granted a pension. 1. The Patriot Army was ordered to undergo variolation by George Washington to obtain immunity from smallpox. Men were infected with live smallpox and spent a month recovering but were now immune.

OLD BUSINESS

- **President Gresham** called for the Vice President's Report which was presented by **Kevin Shellman**. Speakers for September and October are scheduled. Chapter Board of Managers (BOM) is planned for August 19 to finalize the chapter constitution.

- **President Gresham** called for the Treasurer's Report which was presented by **Treasurer Anthony Walker**. Operation fund balance is \$13,158.36. Pray TCU Award balance is \$2,644.66. Goodman Youth Fund balance is \$1,022.95. Report was approved by the chapter.
- **President Gresham** called for the Secretary's Report which was presented by **Secretary Mark Parkison**. Meeting minutes for July were approved by the chapter.
- **President Gresham** called for the Chaplain's Report which was presented by **Chaplain Ralph Smith**. Prayers were offered for Bobby Gresham's daughter-in-law Sherri Lee Gresham who passed away on August 8.
- **Registrar Gerry Gieger** and **Assistant Registrar Ron Turner** provided the Registrar's Report.
- **President Gresham** called for the Color Guard Commander's Report which was presented by **Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham**. There are opportunities for the Color Guard: Sept 16 - DAR Constitution Day Luncheon, Ridglea Country Club, Fort Worth. Sept 26 - Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR, Naturalization Service, Grapevine Botanical Garden. Nov 4 or 11 - Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR, Luncheon. Nov 5 - Massing of the Colors, Birchman Baptist Church, Fort Worth. Nov 11 - Fort Worth Veterans Day Parade, muster @ 9:00am.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Past President Ron Turner** reported an expedite membership application has been approved by National for Fred Vanzant who is a relative of the chapter namesake Major K.M. Van Zandt. Fred is 98 years old, lives in Northwest Arkansas and requested to join our chapter because of the name. The chapter voted to donate a SAR military medal and a group photo of the chapter will be provided to welcome Fred into the Major K.M. Van Zandt chapter.
- **President Gresham** asked for a motion to adjourn which was made and approved.
- **Past President Turner** led the closing.
- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** offered the benediction.
- The meeting was concluded at 10:30 a.m.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 23 members and 4 guests for a total of 27 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Parkison, Chapter Secretary.