

October 18, 2018 Meeting held at President and Wanda White's residence

Attendees: Ralph Thompson, Luis Juarez, David Kinsey, Mike Yarbrough, Tom Milson, Nathan White, Pete McLellan, Jim Johnson, Colin Campbell, Duane Bryner, Michael Skibbe, Bobbe Thompson, Patricia Skibbe, Marilyn Walker, Wanda White, Chris Casey, Lenore Juarez, Nancy Yarbrough, Carol Milson, and guest speaker, David Arbuckle

Call to Order: After our pizza dinner, President White call the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledges: Our invocation was given prior to our dinner by President White

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by VP of Programs Luis Juarez

Pledge to the Texas Flag: Mike Yarbrough

Pledge to the SAR: President Nathan White

Introduction of Compatriots and Guest: All present introduced themselves to the other attendees

Minutes: Last meeting minutes are posted on the Chapter Website <u>www.mckinneysar.org</u>

Treasurer's Report: President White read Treasurer McLellan's report: We have just over \$1500 in the bank account.

Old Business and Announcements:

- Compatriot Colin Campbell received his corrected Membership Certificate. We have two new dual members: Past State Society President Mike Radcliff and Davis Wright, National Treasurer General.
- Nominations for 2019 Officers:

President: David Kinsey

VP Programs: Mark McGraw

VP Membership: Nathan White

VP Awards: Luiz Juarez

Treasurer: Pete McLellan



Secretary: Tom Milson

Registrar: Duane Bryner

Web Master: Cecil Coale

Chaplain: Donald Babbs

 We viewed a 7.5 minute video exhibiting the Education Center located at NSSAR Headquarters.

Guest Speaker: David S Arbuckle, VP External Affairs for Texas Central – "America's Bullet Train"

Mr. Arbuckle worked with AT&T for 33yrs before joining Texas Central 2 years ago.

- Texas Central examined 97 city pairs and chose DFW-IAH (14 Million people)
- There will be 3 stations: Intersection 610/290 in Houston, Grimes Co, TX (24 miles form A&M), and Convention Center Dallas.
- Trains are built in Japan, which has had 54 years of operation with zero accidents
- The train will operate within the utility corridor (high tension lines) with overhead electrical lines and will run 186 average mph and a top speed of 205 mph.
- Train will run every half hour during rush hour times and every hour on non-rush hour times. At night the train will be shut down for maintenance.
- Train will convert approximately 17 acres of farmland per mile whereas an interstate roadway will convert approximately 468 acres per mile.
- There is no funding of the \$15 Billion from Federal or State agencies.
- Will take 5 years to built and employ approximately 10,000 people per year. Should be operational in 2024-2025 and will create 1500 jobs for Texas Central.
- More information at <u>www.TexasCentral.com</u>

At the end of Mr. Arbuckle's presentation, President White presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Arbuckle.

Benediction:

Recessional: Led by Tom Milson

Adjournment: President White at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David A Kinsey, Secretary