

Minutes for Chapter Meeting  
May 9, 2020 (via ZOOM)  
[Denton Chapter #23, Texas SAR](#)



**10:00 AM**

**President Mike Connelley** called the meeting to order via the ZOOM video conferencing format. There were 7 members in attendance along with one potential new member. The meeting began with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to the Texas Flag and the SAR pledge.

**Treasurer Chris Strauss** gave a treasurer's report. The current bank balance is \$2114.34; the chapter's bank has now opened a Denton branch which will simplify future banking transactions. Chris went on to say that the chapter's portion of Texas SAR dues has not yet been transmitted to the account due to issues in getting this set up within Texas SAR; this task should be completed in short order at which time a large deposit will be made to the Denton chapter account.

**Strauss** added that all of the ROTC / JROTC awards have been made by the chapter for this school year. The COVID issue eliminated "in person" presentation and all awards were done via ZOOM or by mail to the schools. In addition, each school was awarded an SAR flag certificate in recognition of their proper display of the American flag.

#### **New Business**

**President Mike Connelley** brought up the discussion of the Chapter's approval of the Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws. An old copy of the Denton Chapter Constitution was located in the records of the Texas SAR and it was retyped by Mike Connelley and then proof read by Chris Strauss, Jim Johnson and Tom Richards, the other chapter officers. This was done in order to get the document approved in digital format and then to be made a part of the permanent records of the Denton chapter. A copy of the digital format was sent to chapter members for their review and information.

**Mike Connelley** noted that certain provision of the old Constitution needs to be changed in order to meet current procedures and practices of the Denton Chapter; this would include date / time of meetings. The Texas SAR legal counsel said the old Constitution and By-Laws must be accepted "as is" before any changes / modification could be made to the Chapter Constitution and By-Laws.

A motion was made to those in attendance to accept the digital copy of the Constitution and By-Laws and to make it a part of the permanent record of the chapter. The Constitution and By-Laws were accepted by a unanimous vote of attending chapter members. Mike Connelley said at some future meeting amendments to the Constitution and / or By-Laws will be introduced to make the Document more in line with current practices of the Denton Chapter.

**President Mike Connelley** stated that he was going to appoint chapter member Johnny Loomis as the Sergeant at Arms. He explained that the Sgt. At Arms position is not technically an elected officer for Denton Chapter. The Texas SAR chapter manual states that the Sgt. At Arms position can be considered as an appointed position for the chapter. The chapter members present at the meeting voted in favor of the appointment of Johnny Loomis as Sgt. At Arms for the Denton Chapter.

It was also mentioned that chapter member Joseph W. Rowell had previously volunteered to accept the position of Denton Chapter Chaplain which is an elected position within the Denton chapter. A motion was made and seconded on this nomination. The chapter membership voted unanimously in favor of the election of **Joseph W. Rowell** as the Chapter Chaplain.

**President Mike Connelley** mentioned that the chapter has meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2020 for July and October. The library has cancelled all meetings through the end of 2020. The discussion revolved around the possibility of locations for the July and October meeting. It was mentioned that July may be too early for a “face to face” meeting and that one may be another ZOOM meeting; efforts will be made to secure a location for the October 2020 meeting.

**President Mike Connelley** called for the adjournment of the meeting at 10:39AM since we were close to our time limit with a free meeting with ZOOM; they allow groups to host a free meeting for 40 minutes or less.

Attendance was 8; 7 members and 1 potential new member / guest.

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