

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting
July 10, 2021
Denton Chapter #23, Texas SAR**



10:00 AM

President Mike Connelley called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. The pledges were led by chapter registrar Jim Akers; chapter president Mike Connelley leading in the opening prayer. Guests at the meeting included TL Holden, long time SAR member from McKinney chapter and Bobby Gresham and his wife. Bobby Gresham is long time member of the Van Zandt chapter in Fort Worth; he is the speaker for today's meeting. Also, present was J. B. Lilley, the chapter winner of the Knight Essay Contest for 2021.

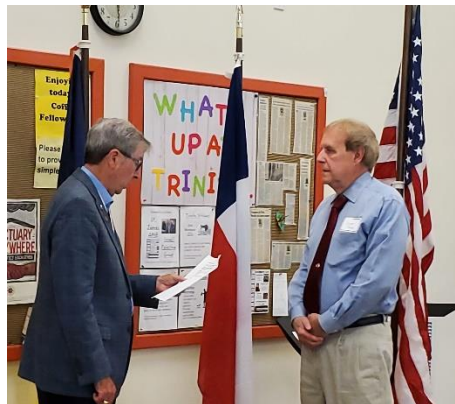
An Ancestor's roll call was conducted with members identifying one of their Patriot ancestors who was in the American Revolutionary War.

The first order of business was the introduction of J.B. Lilley, a high school junior, and his reading of his winning essay. Lilley also fielded questions and discussion from the attending membership.

Two new members were inducted into the chapter, Mike Frye and Scott Alexander Smith. The oath was administered by chapter president Mike Connelley with the rosette lapel pin placed on each by chapter registrar Jim Akers.



Mike Frye



Scott Smith

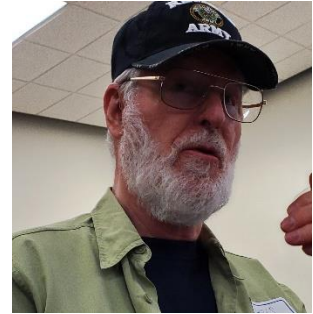
Bobby Gresham, speaker for today, gave a report on the value and effectiveness of the SAR color guard and its appearances around the State of Texas. Gresham mentioned the wide variety of uniforms that are available to prospective color guard members.



Two Patriot “colonial / wilderness” shirts were donated to the chapter and were auctioned off to attending members. The two shirts were bought at \$20.00 each with the \$40.00 being donated to the chapter funds.



Chapter Treasurer report: Chris Strauss, chapter treasurer, stated the current balance in the chapter checking account is \$2,388.84 with no outstanding debts at this time. No questions were asked and a motion was made and seconded to accept the report. It was mentioned that a report had come from the State secretary concerning \$136.50 in funds that are due the chapter; these funds represent the chapter portion of new member application fees paid to Texas SAR at the time of application.



Chapter Secretary report: Mike Connelley, chapter secretary, stated the minutes of the last meeting are on the chapter website. No questions from the attendees and the minutes were accepted as posted.

Old Business: none discussed or mentioned

New Business: A discussion was held on the proposal for the chapter to create its own color guard unit. Several members expressed interest in buying or making their own uniform and participating in color guard activities.

T L Holden mentioned the Patriot Research program on the National Website and suggested that chapter members should take advantage of this feature and put on the National SAR website a write up on their own Patriot Ancestor.



Bill Surles, newsletter editor, reminded the attendees to each consider submitting articles for the chapter newsletter. Book reviews of books on the Revolutionary War period are acceptable. Also, biographies of your Patriot ancestor would also be acceptable for the newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:51AM with the attendance being 11 chapter members and 5 guests for a total of 16.

Closing prayer was led by chapter president Mike Connelley who also led the closing admonition.

L. Michael Connelley, chapter president and secretary, Denton Chapter #23, Denton, TX

July 13, 2021