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Next Meeting

10 September, 2022

11:30 a.m.

**Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant ·
211 West Elm Street
Wharton, Texas**

Program

Janet Mallard

Dot And Britt Bailey



Janet Mallard is a retired nurse. However, she considers her greatest joy and honor was to have raised her three sons. She has always been interested in learning, reading and travel. Fifteen years ago, with her late husband, Jay Mallard, she began to attend reenactments. There she learned about and portrayed his wife Dot Bailey to his Britt Bailey. Mrs. Mallard is also a writer, who has published in the mystery genre.

Meeting Minutes

Sons of the

American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Chapter 33

May 14, 2022

The Sons of the American Revolution met May 14, 2022, at The Swamp Shack in Lake Jackson, Texas.

Call to Order: President Wiggins called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Bill Sanders.

Pledges: Win Avera let the pledges to the flags of the United States, Texas, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Introduction of Guests: President Wiggins introduced Jim Kuykendall, TXSSAR President, and Mel Oller, Secretary, TXSSAR. Compatriot Yates introduced his family and friends. Nelson Leopold introduced his friend and compatriot, Ken Blount. Members introduced themselves and their wives.

Induction: Registrar Bill Sanders conducted the induction ceremony for Bill Yates. Leslie Craigen pinned his SAR rosette. Photos were taken of compatriot Yates and his family and friends.

Programs:

President Wiggins introduced TXSSAR President Jim Kuykendall, whose bio can be found in the April

newsletter. President Kuykendall presented his vision and goals for the 2022-23 TXSSAR Society.

Reorganization is underway to focus on reduction of the number of committees as well as expanding membership. In particular, we need more younger members. (70% of SAR members are over 60.) To accomplish this, emphasis will be on:

1) U.S. History. We have the best history in the world, and this will be highlighted by our upcoming 250-year anniversary.

2) Education. We need to push U.S. history in schools, especially the Revolutionary War and the founding of the U.S.

3) Patriotism. We need to advance the message of the importance of patriotism to the general public. This could involve sharing the role of SAR with others who have similar interests. The SAR website, local SAR Chapter meetings and SAR brochures could be used in this regard.

Following this discussion, President Wiggins presented a certificate of appreciation to Compatriot Kuykendall.

President Wiggins then introduced Mel Oller, TXSSAR Secretary, whose bio can also be found in the April newsletter. Compatriot Oller spoke on the intersection of Freemasonry and the Continental Army. The term 'mason' refers to a trade, such as bricklaying. The term 'Freemasonry' refers to a fraternity. Freemasonry has two parts, ancient and modern. Ancient Freemasonry may trace to the stonemason's guilds in the 1300's and has no known written history. Some

claim it to be related to the Knights Templar - essentially destroyed by the French king and pope in 1307. Remnants fled to Scotland and started lodges that predate Freemasonry. Freemasonry began in the U.S. around 1717, with a united Grand Lodge and written records. The first Freemasonry meeting in Texas was in 1835. Brazoria Lodge #1 was founded in 1836. His talk focused on two Revolutionary War Freemasons (Masons). George Washington was an active Mason, as were many of his aides. Benjamin Franklin was also an active Mason. His friendship with the French king allowed him to speak frankly about the Revolutionary War and plans for founding the United States. Nine signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons - perhaps as many as 24. Adams, Hancock, Revere, as well as Lafayette were Masons. Thirty three of 74 generals in the Continental Army were Masons, as well as the traitor Benedict Arnold. Freemasonry thus played a major role in the Revolutionary War and in the founding of the United States.

Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were approved on a motion by Bill Griffiths, seconded by Win Avera.

Treasurer's Report:

As submitted below:

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	
4/1/2022	\$2,627.46
Deposit-interest	\$0.04
Ending Balance	
4/30/2022	\$2,627.50

McAlexander Fund
 Beginning Balance
 4/1/2022 \$902.79
 Deposit-interest \$0.08
 Ending Balance
 4/30/2022 \$902.87
 Total Bank Balance \$3,020.37

Awards/Recognitions:

- Patriot medal will be awarded to Michael Bailey at Surfside later today at the celebration of the signing of the Treaties of Velasco, May 14, 1836.

-25-year membership certificate to Richard Spencer.

-5-year membership certificate to Jack Newman.

-5-year membership certificate to Brian Wabbena.

-TXSSAR President Kuykendall presented a 5-year certificate to President Wiggins.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Registrar: Bill Sanders

-0 Applications approved.

-14 Applications awaiting national approval.

-17 Applications actively working.

-0 Applications without activity.

Webmaster: Carl Wiggins

Webmaster Wiggins noted that the website is out of date. He plans to proceed with updating this summer and could use some help. Win Avera noted similar programs exist for other society groups and raised the issue of paying to build an overall website.

Community Outreach/Education:

Rodney Weems

In Rodney's absence, President Wiggins noted that Russell Dart will be presenting a Bronze ROTC Medal to Cadet Samantha Jasmin at Pearland ISD on 14 May 2022

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

Members Present: Carl Wiggins; Bill Griffiths; Bill Yates; Russell Dart; Win Avera; Bill Sanders; David Garza; Nelson Leopold; Bill Adriance.

Guests Present: Jim Kuykendall, TXSSAR President; Mel Oller, TXSSAR Secretary; Ken Blount, Chapter 57; David Yates; Jimmy Birmingham; Donna/Perry Barber; Connie Avera; William Yates; Leslie Craigen; Kathy Keller; David/Aida Yates; Carroll Griffiths.

Next Chapter Meeting: September 10 2022 at Los Cucos Restaurant in Wharton, Texas.

SAR Recessional: Led by Win Avera.

Benediction: Given by Bill Sanders.

Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. on a motion by Bill Griffiths, seconded by Bill Yates.

Some Takeaways from the August 6, 2022 SAR Board of Managers (BOM) Zoom Meeting

Meeting got started a bit after 8 AM and concluded about 2 PM with TX Society President Jim Kuykendall presiding. About 63 SAR members were in attendance; about 24 were voting members.

Before the start of the August BOM, two committee meetings were held:

- Americanism Contests, Medals and Awards Committee - Chairman Mark Harrison

Youth contest subcommittees reported: Brochure; Poster; Oration; 4-H Speaking; CAR Essay; Knight Essay; JROTC/ROTC Essay; Eagle Scout Essay; and American History Teacher. Our chapter needs to seek out candidates; Rodney has sent out contest rules, deadlines and award levels to area schools. Contests also published on our website.

A new video contest was described. Videos of 5 to 10 min duration are sought addressing Americanism topics; format patterned on Knight Essay. Contest is designed to engage youth participation through video interests. Details are to be released soon.

- Council of Chapter Presidents Committee - Chairman Richard Zdunkewicz

The new revision to the Chapter President's Manual was discussed.

Richard Zdunkewicz, also our District VP, described the development of a District 7 Speakers Bureau that will also award honorariums to speakers through a fund that he is spearheading. Our chapter has contributed a list of past speakers to this effort.

The August BOM began with an announcement that the Fall BOM would be held in-person from Oct 21-23, 2022 at the Dallas/Plano Granite Park Hilton. Keynote speaker will be Carl Flowers.

This BOM is being hosted by the McKinney Chapter.

- There was discussion about making a concerted effort to attract younger members as the average age of a number of chapters is fairly high and increasing. Carl found that the average age of the 74 current active Cradle of Texas Chapter members is 58.4 as of Aug 8, 2022. Our current 7 junior members were excluded from this calculation.

- A motion was made and passed to cancel entirely the current annual \$5 junior member fee. I believe this change will take effect in 2023.

- Ray Cox reported that currently there are 48 active chapters in the SAR Texas Society and that 38 maintain websites.

- Deadline for submitting nominations for the Patriot Medal is the Fall BOM in October. David Temple is the chairman of this committee with support from Drake Peddie. We need to resubmit applications before mid-October.

- Frank Rohrbaugh, Veterans Committee Chairman, has sent out an email outlining 12 elements of things we can do to support our vets. We need to be cognizant of the Stark Report due in January.

- The Texas Society has lost 27 Compatriots so far this year.

Summary by Carl Wiggins



A multi-page summary of chapter activities from over the summer is to be released separately to members.



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