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Next Meeting

11 March, 2023

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1717 7th Street

Bay City, TX 77414

PROGRAM

Abigail and Everitt Humber will present their brochure and poster contest entries.

Meeting Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Chapter 33

February 11, 2023

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023

Location: 9ers Restaurant - Wharton, Texas

Call to Order: President Bill Griffiths called the meeting to order at 11:33pm.

Invocation: Prayer by Compatriot Bill Sanders.

Pledges: Vice President Carl Wiggins led the chapter in the pledges to the US flag, Texas flag, and Sons of the American Revolution.

Introduction of Guests: Members and guests introduced themselves.

Induction: Registrar David Garza inducted Compatriot elect William Anderson "Andy" Yates to the SAR based on his lineage to Patriot/Soldier William Kelley.

Minutes: January's meeting minutes from the February newsletter were approved by motion from Compatriot Rodney Weems and second by Compatriot Nelson Leopold.

Treasurer's Report: (*Compatriot Chris Wendel*)

General Fund (Classic checking)

Beginning Balance

1/01/2023 \$3745.34

Income: Deposits:

Interest

1/31/2023 \$0.06

Total Income:

\$0.06

Expense:

Ck. #1051 - Wreaths Across America, Wharton Co. \$50.00

Ck. #1055 - Rodney Weems (Medals expense) \$97.00

Ck. #1056 - Dido's Restaurant (Guest meal) \$16.81

Total Expenses: \$163.81

Ending Account Balance:

1/31/2023 \$3581.59

(Fat Grass Ck. #1049

(11/12/2022) \$44.06 outstanding

McAlexander Fund (Main Share) ¹

Beginning Balance

1/01/2023 \$903.55

Income: Deposits:

Interest

1/31/2023 \$0.08

Expense: None.

Ending Account Balance:

¹ Designated for \$300/person towards SAR Color Guard uniforms

1/31/2023 \$903.63

Total Bank Balance

1/31/2022 \$4485.22

Program: (Introduction by President Griffiths)

Ms. Merle Hudgins, (Wharton County Historian, newspaper columnist and contributor/editor

for the New Handbook of Texas), spoke on the amazing life of Bernardo de Galvez and massive Spanish contributions to the American Revolutionary War.

Galvez was the Spanish Viceroy in New Spain (Mexico) as well as the Governor of Cuba. Under the prompting from General George Washington, Galvez aided in retaking Floridian forts from the English Crown and back under Spanish control. Galvez also acquired over 10,000 head of cattle, 10,000 horses, wagons, numerous rifles, and soldier uniforms and boots for Washington's troops. The Spanish troops sailed the goods and animals up the Mississippi River and Ohio River to General Washington's army. This contribution cannot be overstated enough. Galvez died at the age of 40 and is buried in multiple cathedrals in Mexico. (Body in one / heart in another.)

The U.S. Congress recognized Galvez's contributions to the American Revolution in 1983. In 2014 they bestowed honorary citizenship on Bernardo de Galvez.

Compatriot Bill Adriance added to the program. He informed the Chapter about the Galvez statue that is currently being created for Galveston,

Texas. Funds of around \$250,000 are still needed to finish the project.

Awards/Recognitions: (By Past President Carl Wiggins & New President William Griffiths)

By Outgoing President Wiggins (originally scheduled for presentation at Jan meeting):

- Chapter (Bronze) Roger Sherman Medal to Dr. William J. Griffiths III
- Texas Chapter Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster to Winston C. Avera, Jr.
- Texas Chapter Service Medal to Chris Wendel
- Service Medal Oak Leaf Clusters to: Rodney Weems, Bill Sanders, Michael Bailey
- Certificate of Appreciation to: David E. Garza and James H. Leach
- TX SAR Challenge Coins to: Russell M. Dart and Winston C. Avera, Jr.

By President Griffiths:

- 5th Oak Leaf Cluster for NSSAR Liberty Medal to William C. Sanders, Sr.
- Oak Leaf Cluster for Chapter (Bronze) Roger Sherman Medal to Carl M. Wiggins
- 5-yr. Membership Anniversary Certificates: Sands S. Weems & David P. Garza
- Past President Neck Ribbon Medal to Carl Wiggins

Officer & Committee Reports:

- Registrar: (David Garza)

One Supplemental Application is waiting at Nationals.

- Webmaster: (Carl Wiggins)

Several webpages have been updated with newly installed Officers.

- Community Outreach & Education Committee - (Chairman Rodney Weems)

- Cradle of Texas Chapter has one submission for the Elementary Poster Contest by West Columbia Elementary Student John Everett Humber. His poster was about Paul Revere.
- The Chapter also has one entry for the Junior High level brochure contest. The entry was created by West Brazos Junior High School student Abigail Humber. Her creation was based on the Bill of Rights. These entries will represent the Chapter at the State Contest.
- The Chapter also has a few possible opportunities for sponsorship with an ROTC Student from another chapter as well as an oration contest participant.
- Possible Eagle Scout Awards were also discussed.

Old Business:

Compatriots need to make sure that they have paid their 2023 dues for the next year. If anyone needs help, they can ask Compatriot Carl Wiggins for assistance.

The Texas Historical Celebration (Aka. Brazoria Heritage Day Celebration) will be held on Saturday, March 4th from 9am to 4pm. The chapter will have a SAR recruiting table. Compatriot workers are asked to volunteer.

New Business:

President Griffith suggested forming a committee responsible for procuring speakers for our monthly meetings. The chapter liked the idea. Compatriot Nelson Leopold made the motion that the chapter form said committee. Registrar David Garza seconded the motion. Motion passed. Compatriots Winston Avera, J.D. Humber, Chris Barbee and Carl Wiggins volunteered to be part of the committee.

Treasurer Chris Wendel made the motion to donate \$100 to the Bernardo de Galvez statue fund. Registrar David Garza seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary J.D. Humber raised question about two Revolutionary War Patriots graves located in the Cradle of Texas Chapter area. President Bill Griffiths suggested more research to be done and discussion to be held at the March meeting.

Correspondence:

Thank you Letter for participation in Wreaths Across America was read.

The Asa Underwood DAR Chapter invited our compatriots—to their Community Service Award presentation to Kristi Schiller at Columbia Methodist Church in West Columbia, TX on March 4, 2023 for her founding of K9s4COPS and K9s4KIDS. RSVP via text with name and number to 979-292-4063. Compatriots Michael Bailey and Russell Dart will provide Color Guard duties.

Upcoming Events:

18 Feb 2023 Washington's Parade Laredo, Texas

30 Mar – 3 Apr 2023 128th TXSSAR
Annual Convention Spring, TX
13 – 20 July 2023 SAR National
Congress Orlando, Florida

SAR Recessional: Led by Vice President Carl Wiggins.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm by motion from Compatriot Nelson Leopold and second by Vice President Carl Wiggins.

Benediction: Prayer given by Compatriot Bill Sanders.

Compatriot Members Present: Rodney Weems, Bill Griffiths, Bill Yates, Andy Yates, Chris Wendel, Dave Garza, Winston Avera, J.D. Humber, Chris Barbee, and Nelson Leopold, Bill Sanders, and Carl Wiggins.

Guests Present: Bill Adriance (SAR Galvez Chapter #1), Merle Hudgins, Caroline Wiggins, Mary Jones-Garza, Jinhee Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Carroll Griffiths, Betty Leach, and Connie Avera.



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