



Minutes of the Meeting  
14 Apr 2016  
William Hightower Sons of the American Revolution

President Stuart Hoyt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed the guests that we had for the evening.

**Invocation** was provided by Chaplain Jerry Bullock.

Pledges to the U. S., Texas, and SAR flags were given.

**Program:** Compatriot Joe Tafolla presented the program, "Mexican Joe," about the grandson of his patriot ancestor.

**Old Business:** The Minutes for the March 2016 meeting were approved by acclamation. March meeting minutes were accepted. New applicant Jim Lanning and Associate member Tom Jones were introduced. President Hoyt extended special greetings to Compatriots Louis Smith, Stoney Stonebreaker and John Booth who had been unable to attend several recent meetings. The Richard and Joanne Robinett Scholarship Committee has selected a recipient for the award, however due to scheduling conflicts there was not enough time to present the award this month and so it will be accomplished in May.

**New Business:**

**Presentation:** President Hoyt and the Chapter presented the following medals and certificates:

- Bronze Roger Sherman Medal
  - Joe Cox
- Meritorious Service Medal Oak Leaf Cluster
  - Joe Cox

The new Registrar, Mr. Mike Pryor, reported that there were seven applications being worked through the system, 6 were at the state level and Don Allen's was in Louisville.

The outgoing Treasurer, Terry Hardeman listed the activity for the past month was a \$500 scholarship paid to the winner, Mr. Richard Givens. Current account balance is \$825. A complete audit of the books was made by the Audit Committee of Vice President Polk and Dr. Baker they found no discrepancies. A move to accept the Treasurer report was made by Jerry Bullock and seconded by Lou Seageloff. All votes were in the affirmative and the motion carried.

Historian, Travis Tate, was unavailable and the Assistant Historian, Milynn Tate, had no comments. Pres. Hoyt stated that Mr. Tate affirmed that he would remain as Historian until the end of May 2016.

Vice President Polk created the Chapter's Scrapbook which won second place in the "Chapters under 50 member" division. The Newsletter, written by Milynn Tate was also awarded second place in its category at the state convention.

Dr. Hollis commented that there would be no more new members with applications based on the Mexican Government with the exception of Gulf Coast state regions. President Hoyt remarked that one of the chapter's goals was 10 new members a year to keep the chapter alive. Pres. Hoyt suggested that current members use the membership trifold to help inform prospective new members. Pres. Hoyt said he gave out quite a number of the trifolds at the New Braunfels Folkfest where the chapter had a booth.

The Registrar reported that the chapter's webpage has added a PayPal feature to allow for donations to the chapter and added he had also added a video of the Yorktown Fife and Drum Corps.

Pres. Hoyt stated that he was still working on the 2016-2017 committee lists and should have them finished shortly.

Pres. Hoyt asked current members to provide a biography on themselves and their ancestor.

Pres. Hoyt informed the membership about the new Texas SAR officers: President, Mr. Michael J. Radcliff; Vice President, John Beard; Secretary, Drake Pettie; Chaplain, James Taylor. The new District 3 Vice President is James R. Barkley. All other members remain unchanged.

Pres. Hoyt asked members to submit their DD Forms 214 to the Chapter Secretary (Ed Blauvelt) so their military and combat service medals can be ordered and awarded.

Pres. Hoyt mentioned the "Stark Report" and that members should log time spent with or in-service to a veteran. Give names to the Secretary so they can be entered on the Stark Report. A reminder was given of the chapter's 200 Flags goal for Memorial or Veterans Day at local cemeteries/graves (this can also go on the Stark Report).

DAR members who help recruit new members can be given an award from our SAR Chapter.

The chapter is still looking for a history teacher to submit for the History Teacher of the Year award.

Pres. Hoyt would like to have a Color Guard with six (6) uniformed members. To assist with getting this off the ground, Pres. Hoyt donated two uniforms for purchase, with the money going directly into the Chapter's account. One uniform was blue and red for a medium built man (40-42 regular) with an asking price of \$250. The other uniform is brown and gold, for a larger man (44-plus) with an asking price of \$300.

Pres. Hoyt would like to name our chapter's Newsletter and is entertaining suggestions from the members and promises a presentation of a \$25 donation to the chapter treasuries for the best name.

A reminder that any member may submit an article to the newsletter.

Mr. Segaloff informed the membership that he currently had 2 University ROTC awards and 11 High School Junior ROTC awards to present and that he needs one more volunteer to help hand out the awards. Pres. Hoyt volunteered to present the ROTC award.

Mr. Tafolla regaled the members with a brief account of his ancestor "Mexican Jim."

**Next Meeting** is scheduled for the evening of 12 May 2016 at the same venue.

**Benediction** was given by Chaplain Jerry Bullock

**Recessional** was led by President Stuart Hoyt

**Adjournment** was at 8:09 PM

**Members Present, 18**

**Guests Present, 5**

**Total Attendance, 23**