

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7

First Methodist Mansfield, 777 N. Walnut Creek Drive, Mansfield, Texas 76063

February 13, 2016

I. Call to Order

President **David Friels** called the meeting to order at approximately **9:00** a.m.

II. Invocation

Chaplain **Bill Covington** led the invocation.

III. Pledges

The pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag was led by **Kevin Jorrey**. The pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag was led by **Kevin Jorrey**. The SAR pledge was led by **Kevin Jorrey**.

IV. Guest Introductions

There were **four** guests in attendance: **Ned Myers** – SAR applicant, and three additional relatives of the Walker and Hutchins families.

V. New Compatriot Inductions

Members of the Walker and Hutchins families were inducted into the SAR. Corey Walker and Mike Hutchins discussed the backgrounds of their respective patriot ancestors. The fourteen new SAR members inducted into the Arlington chapter included: Corey N. Walker, Levi Walker, Jacob J. Walker, Joseph L. Walker, Heath T. Walker, Aaron L. Walker, Russell A. Mirabelli, Andrew C. Mirabelli, Michael B. Hutchins, Sr., Michael B. Hutchins, Jr., Douglas L. Hutchins, Billy S. Finnell, and Billy B. Finnell.

VI. Guest Lecture

David Friels introduced guest speaker **Cole Harper**, a senior student at Paschal High School and a prospective student at Baylor University. **Cole Harper** delivered a six-minute presentation on patriot Patrick Henry.

Following Cole Harper's speech, there was a fifteen-minute break before commencing the business section of the chapter meeting.

VII. Approval of the Minutes for Previous Month's Meeting

A motion was made to **approve the minutes** of the previous meeting by **Ron Carter**. This motion was seconded by **Dennis Walton**, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

VIII. Election of Officers to Serve March 2016 to March 2017

A ballot of officer nominations was circulated to those members in attendance. The following names appeared on the ballot: President – John Anderson, Vice President- Roger Wehr, Secretary- David Friels, Treasurer – Dennis Walton, Registrar- Kevin Jorrey, Historian- Kevin Jorrey, Chaplain- Bob Wehr, and Sergeant-At-Arms- Bill Covington. President **David Friels** made a motion to begin the process of electing the new officers, who will begin their positions at the March 2016 meeting. This motion was seconded by **Ron Carter**.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Treasurer's Report

Ron Carter presented the **Treasurer's Report**:

1. No checks were issued during the previous month. The balance of the checking account was reported to those members in attendance.
2. Ron Carter appointed former Chapter Treasurer **Roger Wehr** to audit the chapter's treasury, before the new treasurer takes office at the March meeting.

B. State Activities Report

Ron Carter presented the **State Activities Report**:

1. The Texas SAR "State Meeting" will be held at the end of March in McKinney, Texas, and will be hosted by the Plano Chapter. Attendance at the Saturday session is recommended, as there will be the results of the oration and essay contests as well as the BSA awards.
2. Posters for the chapter poster contest will be judged at the end of today's meeting. All chapter members were encouraged to stay for the judging of the posters.

C. Registrar's Report

John Anderson presented the **Registrar's Report**:

1. The 2016 dues collection process was again a mess this year, where false reports of unpaid dues were reported. From the current 2016 TX SAR Roster reports, we've lost three members from 2015: John "Jack" Kelly died June 8, 2015. I contacted his widow and expressed our loss. One member has reported that he has lost interest in our organization. One member reports that he has now paid his dues.
2. Therefore, as of today's date and including the Walker and Hutchins families, our chapter now has **47** active compatriots, including **11** junior chapter members.
3. On Saturday, January 23rd, Bill Covington and John Anderson attended and supported a DAR "Open House" for the gathering of interested DAR members in the formation of a new DAR Mansfield Chapter. There were approximately 25 ladies attending and several stopped by our table and chatted potential SAR interest for their husbands.

4. Current applications in progress are:
 - a. Candidate **Ned Myers** of Arlington, Texas, has his application in progress and has been sent to the Texas SAR Inland Registrar and passed his review. It is now at National for their review.
 - b. Candidate James Benton of Flower Mound, Texas, has his application ready to send to the Texas SAR Inland Registrar for his review. He is also adding his father and son, for a total of three applications.
 - c. John Anderson thanked Kevin Jorrey for assisting. He is working on his first SAR application. It is for the adult son of a current active Arlington DAR member, and this application should go smoothly.

D. Webmaster's Report

John Anderson presented the **Webmaster's Report**:

1. Our chapter homepage is at www.txssar.org/Arlington or www.texassar.org/Arlington. Since inception in June 2011, we now have had 3,460+ total hits (accesses) to this website.
2. Please click on your Compatriot Profile at <http://www.txssar.org/Arlington/roster.php> and contact **John Anderson** if the profile needs revision or if you wish to be added to the "Speakers Bureau" at <http://www.txssar.org/Arlington/speakers.php>
3. **John Anderson** thanked everyone for providing pictures and videos for our website.
4. The **private** chapter online **Dropbox** can be accessed at <https://www.dropbox.com>. Contact **John Anderson** if you need a login or have access questions.

E. Grave Marking Committee Report

John Anderson presented the **Grave Marking Committee Report**:

1. The grave marking is scheduled for Saturday March 12th, 2016 at 2:00 PM.
2. The Arlington chapter has two Texas Society SAR Past Presidents both buried in the Arlington Cemetery at 801 Mary Street. They are cousins and are:
 - a. **Benton Carter Collins**, 1893-1972, TX SAR President 1942, unmarked.
 - b. **Dr. Valin Ridge Woodward**, 1890-1969, TX SAR President 1938, previously marked.
3. The Arlington Landmark Preservation Commission, chaired by our chapter compatriot Roger Wehr, has joined the schedule by recognizing the Woodward residence with an Arlington Historical landmark and as stop #31 on the Arlington Self-Guided Historical Tour.
4. Arlington's "Your Historical Connection" will join us in hosting a noon reception at the Fielder House Museum. John Anderson has re-contacted the compatriots' families and advised them of the schedule. Four Woodward family members and three Collins family members are likely to attend. Some attendees will be from out-of-state.
5. Compatriot **Drake Peddie**, commander of the Texas SAR Color Guard, has agreed to be the emcee. Our program will include an Honorary Musket Salute with speakers from Texas SAR, the Landmark Preservation Commission, and Arlington's "Your History Connection."
6. This is the same date as our 2016 officer inductions by Texas SAR President **Larry Stephens**. He has agreed to stay in Arlington for the day and take part in our Grave Marking Ceremony.
7. Kevin Jorrey can state the status of the Press Release.

X. Other and Unfinished Business

A. Search Committee for Meeting Location

David Friels proposed the formation of a search committee to find a new location for future chapter meetings, given the demise of the First Dixie Café in Pantego, Texas. To accommodate as many current members as possible, those members in attendance were asked about preferences regarding meeting dates and times, general locations within Arlington, and the ranking of priorities when new meeting locations are being considered. The pros and cons of the meeting locations of other organizations –such as DAR and the Arlington Genealogical Society- were discussed.

B. SAR Announcements

John Anderson noted several announcements of interest:

1. National has adopted a "Brand Identity Guide" and most of the SAR materials will be migrated to support the new brand. A brand is more than just a logo. We are to first identify ourselves as a member of "SAR" then follow-up with "Sons of the American Revolution." The DAR does this very successfully. Contest and award titles are to be changed and prefixed as "SAR." Examples include: "SAR Poster Contest," "SAR Oration Contest," and "SAR ROTC/JROTC and Service Academy Awards."
2. On Saturday February 21st, John Anderson will be attending with Ron Carter the Arlington CAR meeting, enlightening them of SAR contest and awards opportunities.
3. On Saturday March 5th, John Anderson will be attending the "Family History Fair" at the Mormon Church at 3809 Curt Drive, Arlington, Texas. Last year's event was attended by Ron Carter, Roger Wehr, David Friels, and Richard Coffey. John Anderson will register those interested again this year who plan to attend. The start time is 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Please contact John Anderson if you plan to attend.
4. Be sure that John Anderson has your correct contact information in the drafted 2016 yearbook. Please provide any revision, or check-off your entry.
5. March 31st through April 3rd is the Texas SAR Annual Convention in Richardson, Texas, hosted by the Plano Chapter. If limited time is available, then please consider attending the Saturday April 2nd luncheon, as that is when the High School oration contest is conducted and is especially fun. See www.txssar.org>Events > 2016 Convention for details and sign-up.

XI. Meeting Plans for the Future

Bill Covington will be making a presentation to the chapter at a future meeting. The next meeting will take place at the Fielder House Museum on Abram Street in Arlington, Texas. The newly elected officers will begin their terms at the next meeting.

XII. Meeting Adjournment, SAR Closing Admonition & Benediction

At approximately 10:48 a.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. **Kevin Jorrey** concluded the meeting with the SAR closing admonition, and Chaplain **Bill Covington** gave the benediction.

XIII. Attendance Summary & Next Meeting Information

Attendance for the November meeting included **four** guests and **twenty-three** chapter members: John Anderson, Ron Carter, Richard Coffey, Bill Covington, Billy B. Finnell, Billy S. Finnell, David Friels, Douglas Hutchins, Mike B. Hutchins, Sr., Mike B. Hutchins, Jr., Kevin Jorrey, Russell Mirabelli, Andrew Mirabelli, Dennis Walton, Corey Walker, Levi Walker, Jacob Walker, Jason Walker, Joseph Walker, Heath Walker, Aaron Walker, Bob Wehr, & Roger Wehr.

Our **next chapter meeting** is scheduled for **March 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** at the **Fielder House Museum**, 1616 W. Abram Street, Arlington, Texas 76013.

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