

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
October 26, 2019
Denton Chapter #23, Texas SAR



11:20AM Meeting was called to order by current President Christopher Strauss; the meeting was held in a meeting room at the Emily Fowler Central Library, Denton TX. The meeting began with the Pledges to the American Flag, Texas Flag and the SAR Flag. Strauss explained the meeting is being held in an effort to reorganize / reinvigorate the Denton SAR chapter. Strauss explained the chapter has been inactive since 2013 timeframe but he and a few dedicated members have worked to stay involved with ROTC awards in the area, flag certificates, DAR involvement. He and Compatriot Jim Johnson have shared duties, including chapter president over this extended period of time.

- Meeting began with the introduction of the attending members memorialized in this document due to the “reorganization nature” of this meeting. They are Christopher Strauss, Stephen Strauss, Jim Johnson, Dennis Martin, new member Johnny Loomis, Thomas Richards, Bill Rowell, Lawrence “Mike” Connelley, Jeff Zwall, Cecil Replogle, Bob Sikes and SAR District 10 vice president Ted Wilson.
- Chapter President Christopher Strauss gave a treasurer’s report stating the current balance in the account is \$2192.34 with approximately \$200.00 spent on new member rosettes, leaving the balance at around \$2000.00. Over the past few years the chapter would take in around \$130-\$160 in dues revenue and spend a comparable amount for medals / certificates presented over the past year. Strauss mentioned that he would explore moving the chapter account to another financial institution.
- Compatriot Jim Johnson gave an overview of the chapter’s history noting it was formed in May 1962 as Denton Chapter number 23. One local named associated with the chapter beginnings in 1962 was a Joe Jogoe. Joe is still living and is currently 105 years of age. Another old-time member mentioned by Johnson was “George Burlage”, a WWII prisoner of War and survivor of the Bataan Death March.
- District vice president Ted Wilson introduced and inducted new chapter member Johnny Loomis, Denton, TX.
- Chapter President Strauss explained chapter officers’ term is one year from April 1st of each year; he opened the floor for nominations / volunteers for the new slate of chapter officers; member Tom Richards nominated Mike Connelley as chapter president. Compatriot Connelley accepted and presented a proposed slate of chapter officers for the remaining term for 2018-2019 and the following year term of 2019 / 2020. The slate is Jim Johnson, vice president/program chair / chapter historian; Christopher Strauss as chapter treasurer and Mike Connelley as chapter president and secretary. Member Tom Richards accepted the position of chapter chaplain. A motion was made and seconded; the new slate of chapter officers was elected with no opposition.

- Discussion was held among the membership as to how often, when and where the chapter would meet. The consensus decision was to meet once a quarter during the first month of the quarter, the second Saturday of the month, 10AM, at the Emily Fowler Central Library, Denton, Texas. The discussion continued over the various youth / ROTC/ Eagle Scout / veteran / military / First Responder / Fire Emergency programs and recognition programs the SAR organization has to offer the community. Efforts will be made to increase the chapters involvement, participation and community impact with these programs.
- A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting. The time was approximately 1PM. Chaplain Tom Richards led the benediction and the Recessional was given.
- Attendance was observed to be 8 members and 4 guests for a total attendance of 12.

Mike Connelley, chapter president and secretary, Texas SAR Denton Chapter number 23