

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
January 9, 2021 via ZOOM
Denton Chapter #23, Texas SAR



10:15 AM

President Mike Connelley called the meeting to order via the ZOOM format. The meeting began with the pledges to the American, Texas and National SAR flags. This was followed by a Patriot Ancestors' roll call.

Introduction of guests: Guests at today's meeting included District VP Ted Wilson along with North Texas area SAR genealogists T L Holden and Bill Hurst. The speaker for today was John M. Hamlin, Galveston, Texas area and the Texas SAR Vice President of awards and programs. Hamlin spoke on the various youth contests, History teacher of the year contest and the ROTC / JROTC awards program. He explained how these programs work and the impact on youth and the value of Texas SAR to these programs.

Chapter Treasurer report: Treasurer Chris Strauss stated the chapter spent money over the last month or so renewing the supply of "SAR rosettes" used in new member inductions and the purchase of other supplies. The current balance in our chapter checking account is \$2084.84.

Chapter Secretary reports: Chapter secretary Connelley stated the minutes of the October 2020 are on the chapter website. A motion was made by member Jim Johnson to accept the minutes as posted and seconded by member Brandon Story.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chapter President Mike Connelley reminded the attendees that in April 2021 the chapter will select a new slate of officers. The chapter year begins with April and the Constitution states the chapter president will be elected for one year but can accept a second term. President Connelley indicated he would accept another turn but the chapter must be mindful that in April 2021 a new president must be elected. This makes the April 2021 vice president an important slot since in one year, April 2022, he will most likely be the chapter president nominee. President Connelley mentioned that other current officers such as Genealogist Tom Richards and current vice president Jim Johnson will be stepping aside due to age / health issues.

President Connelley indicated that others in the membership should strongly consider stepping up to a leadership position and / or begin to work with various chapter programs such as youth history / scholarship competitions, ROTC / JROTC awards, Public Service awards (Police, Fire, EMTs). President Connelley said he will probably call for a special meeting in March to consider and nominate persons for the various officer and SAR program coordinators which would take office in April 2021. President Connelley, in his role as chapter secretary, is also filling out these reports and documenting and reporting all activities done by the Denton chapter in the past year.

President Connelley also stated that he will hold a new member orientation meeting, probably in February, to explain any and all questions our new members may have about the operation of the Texas SAR organization and the Denton chapter.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM with the attendance being 19; 15 chapter members and 4 visitors.
**(see below)

Closing prayer was led by chapter chaplain Bill Rowell and the closing SAR recessional led by President Mike Connelley.

L. Michael Connelley, Chapter president and secretary, Denton Chapter #23, Denton, TX

** Those in attendance via ZOOM screen shot were: Ted Wilson, District VP, John Hamlin, State officer and speaker, TL Holden, area genealogist and William "Bill" Hurst, area genealogist. Members present were Mike Connelley, Jeffrey Zwall, Jim Hobdy, Bill Rowell, Bill Surles, Brandon Story, Christopher Strauss, Johnny Loomis, Jim Johnson, Lane Tisdale, Randy Harvey, Mike Frye, Scott Smith, Terry Polk and Tom Richards.