

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**October 16, 2021 via ZOOM**  
**Denton Chapter #23, Texas SAR**



**12:01PM**

**President Mike Connelley** called the meeting to order at 12:01PM via ZOOM. The opening prayer was led by President Mike Connelley in the absence of the chapter chaplain. Present during today's meeting is Matthew Giddings, retired U S Army E-7 and the speaker for today's meeting.

An Ancestor's roll call was conducted with presentations given by chapter officers on one of their own Patriot Ancestors.

Matthew Giddings, ROTC staff member, UNT, Denton gave a talk on the current ROTC programs at the University of North Texas. He pointed out that the ROTC enrollment at UNT is 24 female and 60 males. The UNT program works in conjunction with the ROTC program at the University of Texas Arlington.

**Chapter Treasurer report:** Treasurer Chris Strauss stated the only business was a small deposit from the Texas SAR treasurer. The current balance is \$2567.34.

**Chapter Secretary report:** Minutes from the previous meeting are on file and can be viewed on the chapter website. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as posted; the vote was unanimous.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** President Connelley stated that current Vice President Jim Hobdy does not feel he can assume the role of chapter president in April 2022. He wishes to be replaced in that role. Hobdy does want to continue serving in a publicity / public relations capacity for the chapter. President Connelley stated he can be appointed to a non-election position of publicity and public relations.

Jim Akers has consented to accept the role of vice president and to step up to president in April 2022. Jim Hobdy made a motion to this affect which passed with no dissenting votes. Hobdy is to be appointed the chapter publicity / public relations chairman; this appointment does not require the vote of the membership.

President Connelley mentioned that with new officers needed by April 2022, attendees were asked to communicate to the chapter president about their wishes / desires to serve in some capacity. President Connelley mentioned that volunteers are needed to judge any entrants the chapter might receive for the SAR youth contests. Mike Fry, Jim Hobdy and Tom Richards volunteered.

Report was given on the recent Board of Managers meeting in Houston. Mentioned the Texas SAR now has 3100 members. Chapters are to now purchase the ROTC medals, submit the paid invoice to the State treasurer and the State will reimburse the chapters for their costs. Texas SAR still studying the idea of becoming its own National SAR District. The Texas SAR annual Convention will be in Plano in April 2022.

District VP Ted Wilson stated that Texas SAR is going to schedule a ZOOM training session for all chapter officers. VP Wilson wants each chapter officer to tell him of their options / wishes for the date and time of this training session. It is expected to be in December or January time frame.

There was no other discussion. The Meeting was adjourned after the SAR Recessional was recited. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25PM with the attendance being 18 total: 15 members and 3 guests. The guests were regional VP Ted Wilson, acting regional VP Gary Barker and speaker Matthew Giddings, E-7 (retired), on staff with UNT ROTC detachment.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be in January 2022 and “hopefully” we will be back in the Denton library.

L. Michael Connelley, chapter secretary, Denton Chapter #23, Denton, TX; minutes typed on 10/17-18/2021