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Texas Society, McKinney  
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July 21, 2022

Meeting held at Spring Creek BBQ McKinney and via Zoom® teleconference

Attendees

There were (39 total) 35 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson and Carol Milson, Ned Hoover and Nina Hoover, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Peter McLellan, Ray Hargis, Ted Wilson, TL Holden, Tom Van Fossen, Peter Ford, George Bradford and Joy Bradford, Jim Akers, Cary Barnett, Andy Milson, John Greer, Mark Harrison, Bill Taylor and wife Carol, Bill Hurst and wife Ruth Ann, Nathan White and wife Wanda, Jerry Kenney, Rich Bonaparte and wife Lynn, Mark Hansen Dallas chapter, Paul Mattoon of Edmund Terrell Chapter.

There were 4 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Don Babbs, Bob Millwee, Tom Whitelock, and Al Lisi through Zoom.

Guests include: guest speaker Peggy Helmick Richardson, Ron and Sandy Tertel, Terry Tucker (a McKinney 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade attendee) and friend of the chapter, former guest speaker Carl Flowers.



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Call to Order

Tom Milson, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Invocation

- Don Babbs, gave the invocation.



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#### Pledges

- Peter McClellan, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Mark McCraw, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge of the SAR.

#### Self-Introductions of Members and Guests

Led by Tom Milson

#### Old Business and Announcements

- Nathan White discussed the National SAR convention that took place recently in Savannah, GA. This was the largest convention ever had with over 600 registrants. Not a large amount of new business was conducted. There were items involving Ethics topics. Next year it will be in Orlando. There was discussion at the convention about the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> National SAR anniversary and planning is underway.
- Tom Milson – update on the summer BOM, scheduled for 8/6/2022, will be a Zoom meeting, registration going on.
- Ted Wilson – It has been proven there is a Revolutionary war patriot buried in Russell Cemetery in Bonham. There will be a grave marking on Sunday afternoon 9/11/2022 and all are welcome especially Color Guard. We have permission to fire muskets. Get directions from Tom Milson. There are 14 more grave sites in the state of Texas that still need to be marked by the 250<sup>th</sup> SAR anniversary if there are any SAR chapters that would like to help. Headstones are already in place and just needs to do the ceremony/program.
- John Greer – States there is a former SAR State president who is buried in McKinney in the Pecan Grove cemetery that John and Nathan White have been working on this for two years, and they plan to mark his grave at some point.



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- Nathan White, VP Membership – States there is a number of new applications in the works, Jim Watterman, 2 boys of Ron and Sandy Tertel/DAR member, also several people getting their paperwork together including Brandon Mayes, Casey Parker, Terry Tucker

- Future Meetings and Events

- Next Meeting August 18, 7 PM (In-person and Zoom) at Spring Creek BBQ McKinney.
- Board of Managers meeting October 21-23, Hosted by the McKinney Chapter,

New Member Induction Ceremony

None

Program

- Peggy Helmick-Richardson, Professional Story teller, contact: [twicetellers.com](http://twicetellers.com)

Peggy was an award-winning reporter and freelance writer. She has a B.S. in biology and a master's degree in journalism. Currently, Peggy serves as secretary for the Dallas Storytelling Guild and Tejas Storytelling Association, both 501(c)3s. Over the years, Peggy has produced a number of story concerts including Sacred Tales for the Texas Storytelling Festival and Ghost Tales at the Bath House. As freelance writer for over 30 years, she was a regular contributor to the Allen Image magazine, edited the 2008 Healing Storytelling Alliance journal [Diving in the Moon](#), and contributed chapters to Team Up! Tell in Tandem! (Ed. Jonathan Hammer Wright) and Engaging Community through Storytelling (Eds. Sherry Norfolk and Jane Stenson). Peggy can also be heard sharing stories of Dallas history at Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park.

In 2016, Peggy received the John Henry Faulk Award from the Tejas Storytelling Association, given "to a person who has made a significant contribution to the art of storytelling in the Southwest."

This month our program will be a live performance "A conversation with Betsey McKinney, wife of Collin McKinney", by character actor, Peggy Helmick-Richardson.

26 minute presentation, followed by short question and answer session.



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Mark McCraw introduced and presented Peggy with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked her.





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Awards

- None

New Business

- Minutes from last meeting have not been published on the website yet. Therefore there is no vote to accept the minutes. Vote will be tabled until next month's meeting.



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- **Treasurer's Report:** submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for July 2022, The balance as of June's report was \$6407.18. We have since received: \$21.03 from Amazon Smile, \$26.50 from the Texas Society SAR and \$20 in Dual Chapter Membership Dues. There were no Expenses for the month. The current bank balance is: \$6474.71 (bank balance edited from actual written report to reflect a .60 cent error in the adding of above numbers and as brought to the subsequent attention by the treasurer Peter Ford. ")

Pete Mclellan made a motion to accept the Treasures report, motion seconded by Bill Taylor, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

#### Other Announcements

- Tom Milson – update on the Fall BOM, Hotel and Guest speaker Carl Flowers have been determined and 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit has been made. Still working on food options and prices which are expensive. Still need ideas for raffle item(money goes to McKinney Chapter) and items for silent auction(money goes to State SAR Patriot's fund). Also volunteers still needed for hosting the event. Also, first 10 volunteers have an opportunity to tour the Stars complex Friday before the BOM meeting

- Tom Milson – Tom and John Greer took over 200 large print word find books to the Bonham VA, along with some donated ball caps and mechanical pencils. Tom received a thank you letter to the chapter.

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- Jim Akers – Portrait dedication ceremony was held at the McKinney courthouse memorializing Collin County soldiers killed in the line of duty. McKinney SAR Chapter member Chris Hill County Judge was there, it is free and it is recommended everyone go to see it.
- Mark Harrison – he is involved with the State SAR youth awards. Please be on the lookout to identify youth for the essay and art youth contest awards. Also, the TX SAR Patriotic Video Contest is opened to high school students



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Benediction: Don Babbs gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Tom Milson

Adjournment: President Tom Milson adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary