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Texas Society, McKinney
Chapter*

September 17, 2023

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

Attendees

There were (35 total) 30 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson & wife Carol, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Bill Taylor, Ted Wilson, Peter Ford, George Bradford and Joy Bradford, Bill Watts, Larry Moore, Jim Akers and wife Sandee, Joe Chenoweth, Gary Townsend, Jerry Kenney, Rich Bonaparte and wife Lynn, Jerry Pinkerton, Bart Morgan and wife Samye, Bill Graham and wife Johanna, Paul Andreasen, Eddie Jones, David Noe and son Michael Noe, Peter McLellan.

There were 5 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Tom Foster, John Greer, Cary Barnett, Kevin Ennis, Richard Zdunkewich (speaking on the TX SAR Monument Project) through Zoom.

Guests include: Program speaker Welba Dorsey and guest Edwin Dorsey.



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Call to Order

Mark McCraw, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Invocation

- Paul Andreasen, Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledges

- Mark McCraw, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.



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- Peter Ford, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge of the SAR.

Self-Introductions of Members and Guests

Led by Mark McCraw

Old Business and Announcements

- Future Meetings and Events
 - Next Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque October 19, 2023, 7 PM (In person and by Zoom)
JOINT MEETING WITH JOHN ABSTON CHAPTER DAR.
 - October 20-22, Fall Board of Management meeting in College Station, TX
 - April 11-14, 2024, Annual Conference at San Antonio
 - Meeting Registrations online at txssar.org(public side), "Events" tab

- Mark McCraw – After Ethelyn Bells's service to our country as an Army nurse, she worked as a school nurse for McKinney ISD. Let's help make her request for 100 birthday cards come true!
In service to our Veteran





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- Mark McCraw – State fair coming up. DAR will have a presence there. A number of people come to the DAR through these activities. SAR Color Guard may be there also.

- Tom Milson – Historical moment – US Constitution.

New Member Induction Ceremony

- None

Program

- Program –Welba Dorsey, “Our Constitution”. Welba is a member of the DAR

Tom Milson, VP Programs introduced the Guest Speaker.

44 minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session.

Following the presentation, Tom Milson thanked the speaker and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation.



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- Richard Zdunkewich – Speaking through Zoom on the TX SAR Monument Project, which is to be dedicated in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the USA. You can fund through the TX SAR website rather than through GoFundMe to save on GoFundMe fees.



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The design concept

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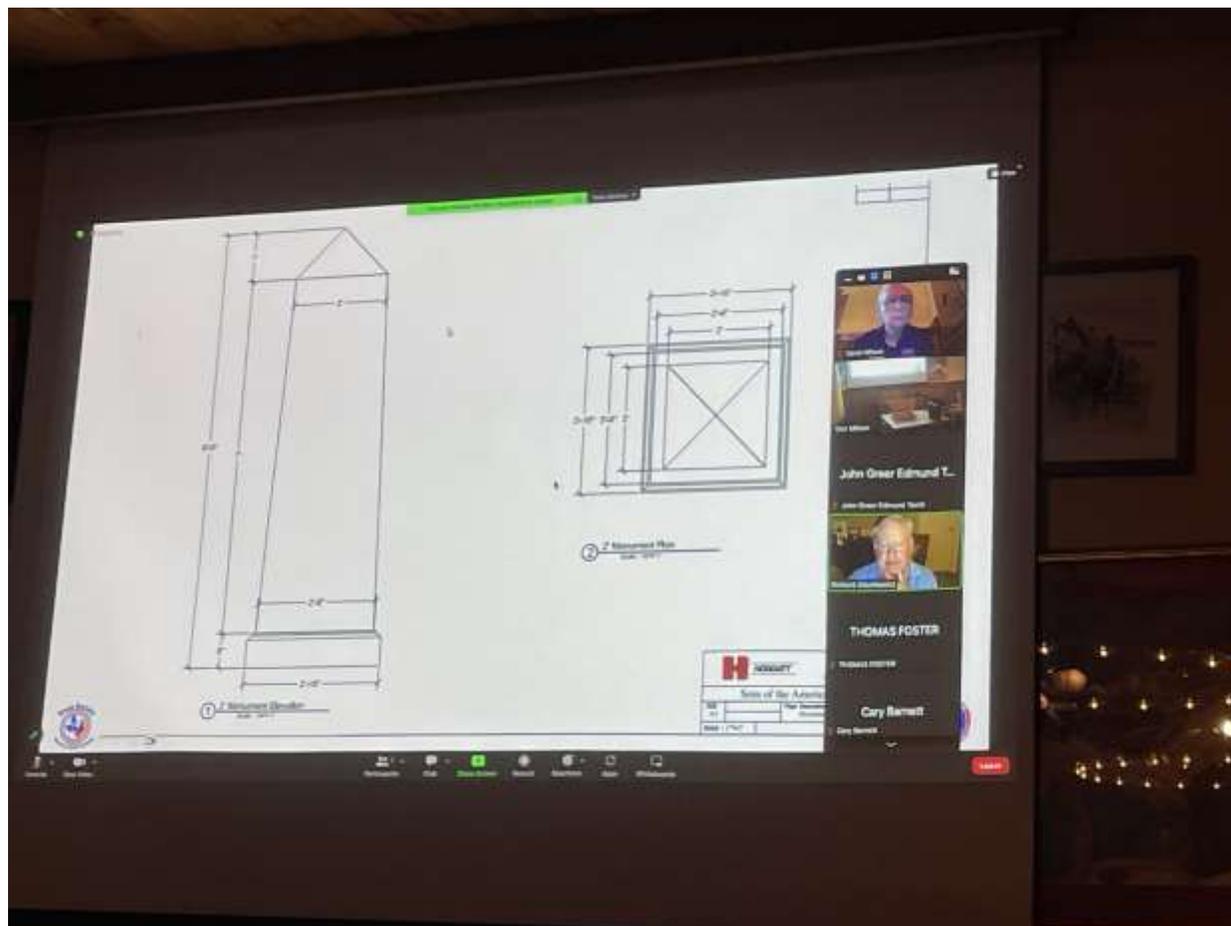
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THOMAS FOSTER

Cary Barnett



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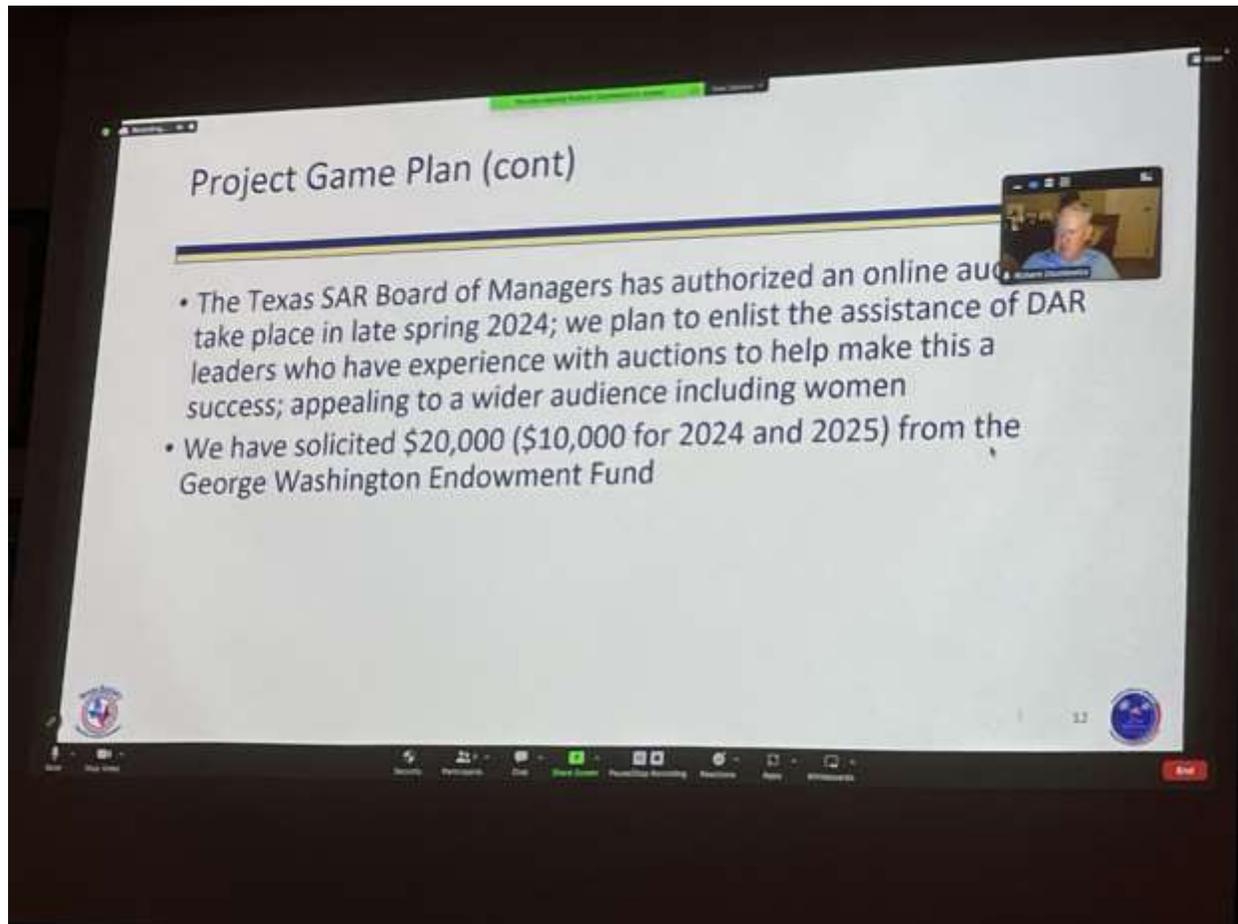
Project Game Plan

- We began fundraising efforts at the Texas SAR Board of Management meeting in April 2023
- We are off to a good start, with pledges totaling \$19,400 and funds in the bank of ~\$10,800 as of 8/31/23; but these funds come from less than 50 members and chapters
- We have launched a GoFundMe fundraising effort [Fundraiser by Richard Zdunkewicz : Honor the Diverse Heroes of the Revolutionary War \(gofundme.com\)](#) with a goal of \$20,000; there has been little contribution at the time of this report





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Awards

- None

New Business

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website. Tom Milson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Peter McLellan, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for September 21, 2023. The balance in our checking account at our last meeting was \$2186.49. We also have \$5000 in a CD that will mature on February 26, 2024. This will earn 4% interest. This



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month our single expense was \$59.97 to renew our website domain name. Our available checking account balance is \$2126.52." Mark McCraw clarified that the domain renewal is for 3 years which Peter Ford Confirmed. No further questions or comments.

Other Announcements

- Tom Milson – Finishing up collection for VA needs list and will be taking items to the Bonham VA in near future. We are planning on doing Christmas cards for veterans again.

- Mark McCraw – Slate of officers will be needed in a couple months and be thinking on how you may be willing to serve the Chapter.

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- None

Benediction: Paul Andreason gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Mark McCraw

Adjournment: President Mark McCraw adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

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