



*Sons of The American
Revolution
Texas Society, McKinney
Chapter*

January 18, 2024

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

Attendees

There were (39 total) 36 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson & wife Carol, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Bill Taylor and wife Carol, TL Holden, Nathan White and wife Wanda, John Ray, George Bradford and Joy Bradford, Bill Watts, Jerry Kenney, Paul Andreasen, Bob Millwee, Peter McLellan, Tracy Pounders-TX SAR President Elect, Rich and Lynn Bonaparte, William Graham and wife Joann, Larry Moore Dallas Chapter, Mike West, Jim Akers and wife Sandee, John Ray, Cary Barnett, Weldon Copeland and wife Cynthia, along with grandson Stevie.

There were 3 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Al Lisi, Peter Ford, Charles Haby, through Zoom.

Guests include Guest Speaker Carl Flowers, John Witherspoon Children of the American Revolution - Matthew Bolton Chapter President along with parents Ann and Jonathan and sister Ellen, and Julie Avedikian- Matthew Bolton Society Senior Advisor and Chapter Regent for Wylie Chapter



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Call to Order

Mark McCraw, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 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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- Rich Bonaparte, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge of the SAR.
- Bill Taylor, led the Mission Statement of the SAR. This is something new to the McKinney SAR Chapter. "The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, educating and inspiring future generations, about the founding principles of our Country."

Self-Introductions of Members and Guests

Led by Mark McCraw

Old Business and Announcements

- Future Meetings and Events
 - Next Meeting – February 15th, 2024 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).
 - January 25th Malvern Elementary Multicultural Fair
 - April 11-14, 2024, Annual Conference at San Antonio, Meeting Registrations online at txssar.org(public side), "Events" tab
 - George Washington Parade – February 17th in Laredo. This is the largest George Washington parade in the country, Over 33,000 in attendance,

New Member Induction Ceremony

- Nathan White, Former SAR President General, administered the induction Oath and presented the membership certificate to Steven S Gveszly. The Rosette was then presented and pinned. Steven is the Grandson of Weldon Copeland, McKinney SAR Chapter



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Program

- Program – Program "Taking the High Grounds, Bunker Hill, Henry Knox", by repeat speaker Carl Flowers In addition to his career as a corporate trainer and speaker, Carl Flowers is also a historian, dedicated to inspiring and educating Americans about the leaders and events that led to our Independence. He specializes in sharing stories of people of consequence who have been sadly overlooked today. Previous programs by Carl: 9/15/2022, 3/17/2022, 4/15/2021 To connect with Carl about speaking at your event: CarlSpeaksTruth@gmail.com

Mark McCraw Chapter President introduced the Guest Speaker. 30-minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session.



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Awards

- Peter McLellan CAR Liaison – Introduced John Witherspoon- CAR Chapter President of the Matthew Bolton Society Chapter to speak on the activities of the Chapter. John spoke briefly on the activities and accomplishments and contributions of the local and National CAR. Peter McLellan presented John with a check on behalf of the McKinney Chapter SAR for \$250 to help fund these future endeavors.



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New Business

- Installation of 2024 Chapter Officers: - Tracy Pounders, Texas Society SAR President Elect – administered the oath for the installation of the new Chapter Officers. Mark McCraw handed over the gavel to himself to repeat as the SAR McKinney Chapter President.

President	Mark McCraw
VP Membership	Bill Taylor
VP Programs	Andy Milson
VP Awards	Tom Milson



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Secretary	Blas Uribe
Treasurer	Peter Ford
Registrar	Richard Bonaparte
Sergeant at Arms/CAR Liaison	Peter McLellan
Chaplain	Paul Andreasen
Webmaster	Cary Barnett
Color Guard Commander	Bob Millwee
Veterans Affairs	Al Lisi (John Greer, Advisor)





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

- Treasurer's Report: submitted by Peter Ford, Treasurer, who is sick but viewing through ZOOM. The report is being read by Mark McCraw, "Treasurer's Report for January 18, 2024. The available funds at our last formal meeting in November were \$1840.00. Since then, we have received \$60.00 in dual membership dues.

Our expenses were: Certificates and frames - \$80.85, Christmas party ham - \$25.03, New member supplies - \$150.00 Our available funds are \$1644.12. Our \$5000 certificate of deposit will mature on February 26, 2024. This is earning 4% interest." No further questions or comments.



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Other Announcements

None

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- Tracy Pounders, Texas Society SAR President Elect – Indicated the DAR is hosting a traveling show regarding the Revolutionary War in Potttsboro

Benediction: Paul Andreason gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Mark McCraw

Adjournment: President Mark McCraw adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

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