

Meeting of the Red River Chapter, Texas SAR  
November 18, 2023  
Paris Public Library, Paris, Texas

DVP Tom Milson opened the meeting at 1:12pm – a short history of the chapter was given, along with the reason for our meeting to re-develop the Chapter.

Attending Tom Milson (Member, DVP), Thump Withers (Member), Debi Reynolds, Andy Anderson (Member, also Edmund Terrell SAR), Bill Watts, Sam Massey (TxSAR President), Tracy Pounders (Member, TxSAR President-Elect), Patsy Davis (DAR), Ron Spear from Ben Franklin TX (Member). Quorum is present.

Prayer by Tracy Pounders, Pledge to US Flag – Tracy Pounders, Texas Flag Andy Anderson, SAR – Tracy Pounders, SAR Mission Statement – Tom Milson.

Those attending introduced themselves.

TxSAR President Sam Massey addressed the chapter – (1) grave markings coming up in this area, (2) annual meeting coming up in San Antonio the weekend after the big eclipse, (3) 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boston Tea Party – showed the Henry rifle commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup>, (4) special flag medals and pins are coming up as part of the celebration, (5) talked about junior memberships, (6) memorial at the Texas State Cemetery is coming close to being funded, (6) Galvez chapter is still in the works, (7) NSSAR PG is recruiting actors and others to participate in promoting SAR to general public.

Historical Moment given by Tom Milson. George Rogers Clark defeated Shawnee loyalists. Cornwallis' defeat didn't end the war – no treaty for at least a year later in 1802. More people lost lives after Cornwallis than in the first year of the war.

Ben Franklin (Bill Watts) addressed the assembly. Tom Milson presented him with a Certificate, the first the Chapter has given in many years. Bill spoke a little on how he made his Ben Franklin clothing – hand made with real beaver pelts.

Bill Watts took a moment to promote the marking of Patriot Graves, and Wreaths Across America. Same Massey said we know of 500,000 graves in Texas, but we only have 100,000 sponsored and marked.

Tom Milson gave a financial report. We still have a valid banking account and we're in good standing with the IRS although we missed the 2022 Form 990-N.

M: Thump Withers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Spear to approve proposed Constitution and Bylaws. Approved without discussion and without opposition.

Proposed officer slate: President Tom Milson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ray Witmore, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ron Spear, Secretary, Andy Anderson, and Treasurer Tracy Pounders. M: Ron Spear 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thump Withers – no discussion – approved without dissent.

M: Thump 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andy – President and Treasurer be signators on the bank account. Approved without dissent.

TxSAR President Sam Massey swore in the officers.

Tom Milson continued: (1) grave markings, (2) meetings with the local DAR Chapter, (3) Grave marking for former SAR members, (4) Push for flag certificates and flag retirement certificates – VFP and Boy Scouts do the retirements.

Sam Massey – Flag Certificate for Paris Library following this meeting, also discussed Family Search Tree app and the cousin finder feature.

Veterans Memorial – by the Eiffel Tower – has a full-sized helicopter.

Discussed next meeting – location and general time is good. Wanting to schedule DAR meeting in morning and SAR afternoon to share speakers – general consensus – quarterly meetings OK – Tentatively February 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 at Library – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays quarterly going forward in May.

Closing prayer by Tracy Pounders, Recessional by Tom Milson.

Adjourned at 3:03pm.

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Tracy A. Pounders  
Texas SAR President-Elect  
Secretary Pro Tem  
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