

MEETING MINUTES

Feb. 23, 2011

The William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 - Bryan of the Sons of the Republic of Texas resumed active meeting schedule on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 11:30 AM at C&J BBQ in Bryan, Texas, the 175th Anniversary of the start of the Siege of the Alamo. This is the first meeting of the Chapter since sometime in 2000. Attending were eighteen existing and new members. The meeting started with an Invocation followed by the Pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

Following lunch, long time member and Past President General Charlie Briggs III called the meeting to order and asked for an Honor Roll with each member present introducing himself and identifying his Patriot Ancestor. A brief outline of the history, purpose and mission of the SRT and a review of the Chapter followed and a few items of necessary business were conducted.

At this point Past President General Briggs announced that if there were no objections he would appoint officers to serve through April, 2012. Those officers are: George Nelson, President; John Hicks, Vice President; and Mervin Peters, Secretary. Briggs agreed to continue as Treasurer.

President Nelson then assumed leadership of the meeting and a number of items were discussed to include: 175th Anniversary activities around the state; member preferences regarding frequency of meetings, time, duration and place of meetings; type of programs preferred; thought on an annual meeting in cooperation with the DRT; and feeling toward seeking a local project of appropriate scope and duration for the chapter to undertake. Good interactive discussion occurred on all topics.

At the conclusion and before adjourning, new member Blair Fannin offered to assist with public information needs of the Chapter. This will be excellent, as it is Blair's field with the College of Life Sciences at TAMU. Jimmy Johnson, also a relatively new member, offered to be the Chapter's Webmaster to update and modernize the existing website. This, too, is excellent as the site is long outdated and no one else in the Chapter has any experience with such matters. Jimmy is STX Technical Operations Manager for SuddenLink.

Following this, the meeting adjourned shortly before 1PM with some members staying around to visit about various matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Mervin Peters, Secretary

P.S. Some few hours after the meeting adjourned, Jimmy Johnson called to say that he had explored the possibility of SuddenLink providing complementary artistic services and cable time for a thirty second PSA for the WJB Chapter of SRT to promote awareness of the currently ongoing 175th Anniversary activities celebrating the birth of Texas as a Republic.

Members Attending: Phil Banks, Charles Benbow, Evan Benbow, Charles Briggs III, Tim Bryan, Travis Bryan III, Eugene Cook, Jerry Deal, Blair Fannin, Jerry Fannin, Clay Hanks, John Hicks, Jim Johnson, Stuart Lewis, Neeley Lewis, Tom McDonald, George Nelson and Mervin Peters. (18)

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