

MEETING MINUTES

William Joel Bryan Chapter #14-Sons of the Republic of Texas

March 26, 2014

The William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 – Sons of the Republic of Texas met March 26, 2014 at C&J's Barbecue in Bryan, Texas. Past President George Nelson, upon the request of President John Hicks due to voice, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

This was followed by the pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags by Secretary Blair Fannin.

Nelson welcomed chapter members and special guests. They included Daughters of the Republic of Texas - Robert Henry Chapter members Anna Kellett, Claire Lillie and Past President General Mary Kathryn Briggs. Special guests included Gen. Joe Hanover and Shane Phelps, local attorney

Total attendance was 22 individuals – 18 members and four guests.

Following the introduction of guests, the ancestor roll call featured special recognition to Philip Sandel, who was featured in both The Bryan-College Station Eagle newspaper and KBTX-TV television as part of Texas Independence celebration festivities at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Sandel's ancestor, Jose Antonio Baldomero Navarro, was one of the original delegates to take part in signing the Texas Declaration of Independence March 2, 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

Following ancestor roll call, Nelson said the February 2014 meeting minutes stood as approved and had been posted to the chapter website.

Vice President Mervin Peters provided an update on the Dogtrot Log Cabin Project. Peters told members disassembling of the log cabin began March 25 and weather permitting, the logs and other components would be trucked to Waco for restoration. Final destination is the Boonville Heritage Park and reassembly is estimated sometime in June. No chapter funds have been designated for the project. However, Peters said many chapter members have contributed individually and he thanked them for their support. To date, approximately \$106,000 has been raised for the project.

Knight of San Jacinto and Past President General Charles Briggs provided the treasurer's report. As of March 26 the checking balance was \$3,279.72.

Two new chapter members were formally inducted – Kyle Jones and Charles Ponder. They were joined by Hicks for a chapter website photo and to be distributed to the local news media. Chapter member Jimmy Johnson received special recognition for maintaining the chapter website for the past two years and received a certificate of appreciation. Hicks and Johnson were photographed for the chapter archives and other media opportunity.

With no further business, Peters introduced President General and Knight of San Jacinto David Hanover, who gave an in-depth presentation on the Texas Navy. Hanover provided many slide illustrations in addition to sharing his special Texas Navy library collection, which featured several books depicting sea operations of the Texas military. The Lone Star Navy originally featured two fleets and was led by privateers. Along the way, the Texas Navy featured four major ships – all wooden schooners purchased by the Texas government: Liberty, Invincible, Brutus and Independence. Charles Burnett was put in charge of the fleet in January 1836. Most notable battles involving the Texas Navy included the Naval Battle of Campeche. Hanover's presentation was well received since the Texas Navy had not been part of previous chapter programming.

Following the program, Nelson closed with a benediction. With no further business, Nelson adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Blair Fannin

Secretary, William Joel Bryan Chapter #14

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