

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 31, 2012**

The William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 – Bryan of the Sons of the Republic of Texas held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at 11:30 AM at C&J BBQ in Bryan, Texas. Attending were nineteen consisting of sixteen members and two prospect, both with pending applications.

Following lunch, Chapter President George Nelson called the meeting to order and following an Invocation he welcomed everyone and introduced guests attending: Herb Currie and Jerry Rosser and Anna Kellett, President of the Robert Henry Chapter of DRT. John Hicks, Vice President then led those attending in the Pledges to the US and Texas Flags.

Nelson then called on Blair Fannin for information on the recent decision by the State of Texas to move the famous Travis Letter to the Alamo for viewing in the spring of 2013. Upon his request, a motion was made by John Hicks and seconded by Roland Searcy that the chapter write a letter of support for this decision to Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the General Land Office of Texas. Motion carried unanimously. Mervin Peters was then requested to provide updates on the Richardson Perry, Alamo Defender marker to be placed in Steep Hollow Cemetery and the efforts to relocate a Republic of Texas era dogtrot log house to Boonville Historical Park located to the front of Boonville Cemetery. It was reported the Brazos County Historical Commission had recommended the use of a Cenopath rather than the official state marker due to the lengthy application and marker production time as well as the fact that the state is limited marker approval numbers and there is no certainty that this one would be one chosen to approve. Neeley Lewis moved and Phil Banks seconded that the change to a cenotaph be approved. Motion carried unanimously. It was then reported that the Dogtrot Log House project was moving along nicely with one possible stumbling block, an 1890 deed restriction limiting use of the property to that of a burial ground. A group of four attorney members led by Neeley Lewis and Tom McDonald asked to meet following the meeting and did coming up with solutions that they will present to the county Attorney to help him with comfort in recommending to the Commissioners Court that the project will not be in violation of the restriction deed restriction

There being no further business, member Philip Sandel, descendant of Jose Antonio Navarro, presented an interesting and informative program on his patriot ancestor, a Texas Statesman, revolutionary, politician and merchant. Philip Sandel was recognized with a certificate/special recognition for providing the program.

All matters being covered, Vice President John Hicks presented a benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mervin Peters, Secretary (11/14/12)