

Meeting Minutes
William Joel Bryan Chapter #14-
Sons of the Republic of Texas
September 24, 2014

The William Joel Bryan Chapter #14-Sons of the Republic of Texas met September 24, 2014 at C&J Barbecue in Bryan, Texas. This meeting resumed the 2014 schedule after taking off for summer break following the April meeting.

John Hicks called the meeting to order at noon. Blair Fannin, secretary and publicist, led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Hicks then welcomed chapter members and guests. Guests included Anna Kellett and Angela Farris-Fannin of the Robert Henry Chapter-Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Will Blackmon and Leon Humphries. Bob Schumann, past district representative, was also in attendance. This meeting was one of the highest attended of the year.

A total of 26 attended the meeting – 22 members and four guests.

The ancestor honor roll followed and approval of the April meeting minutes. Alton Rogers moved for approval and was second by Immediate Past President George Nelson. The motion carried.

Hicks then recognized Vice President Mervin Peters for his work on the chapter archives book, which received the Three-Legged Willy Award at the 2014 Sons of the Republic state meeting in San Antonio. Peters received a certificate, which was on display to chapter members, as well as a bottle of spirits. Peters and executive leaders approved to continue the tradition of the spirits going to the member who traveled the furthest distance. That distinction went to Doug Hicks of the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

Peters then provided an update on the dogtrot log cabin project. He reported the cabin was in final restoration stages. The foundation will be constructed at Boonville Heritage Park soon and the cabin will be moved. Peters said a dedication event is planned for March and chapter members will be an active role in making this event a big draw for the local community.

In other business, Kyle Jones was named chapter historian. He will be responsible for maintaining the chapter archives book as well as seeking community education outreach opportunities.

Barry Hendler was inducted as a new chapter member. Rusty Adams was introduced as a pending new member waiting for membership application approval from the state headquarters.

The meeting was highlighted by the recognition of three honorary chapter members. Those were Dan Beto, Henry Mayo and Bill Page.

Immediate Past President George Nelson was also recognized as recently named District Representative. Nelson thanked Bob Schumann, who had served as district representative for quite some time.

Knight of San Jacinto, Past President General Charles Briggs gave a treasurer report. The balance on chapter funds stands at \$3,532.12. Dues notices will be going out soon to members. The chapter will receive a \$6 rebate on each of the dues paid.

Hicks said he had received a \$200 request from the Star of Star of the Republic Museum in support of their annual Youth Fair. The chapter has previously supported this effort the past two years.

A motion was made from the floor by Briggs and Roland Searcy seconded. The motion unanimously was approved.

At 12:30 p.m., Hicks introduced Nelson as the program speaker. Nelson gave an in-depth look at his ancestor, John Drayton Pitts, Adjutant General of Texas from 1846-1848.

After the program, Hicks thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded everyone the next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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Secretary, William Joel Bryan #14
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