

Meeting Minutes
William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 -
Sons of the Republic of Texas
January 28, 2015

The William Joel Bryan Chapter #14-Sons of the Republic of Texas met January 28, 2015 at C&J Barbecue in Bryan, Texas. This was the first meeting of 2015.

Following lunch, President John Hicks called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. He welcomed everyone for attending and also thanked everyone for their phone calls and cards following recent surgery. He then asked District Representative George Nelson to lead off the meeting with a prayer. Secretary Blair Fannin led the pledges to the Texas and U.S. flags.

Hicks recognized guests Anna Kellett and Angela Fannin with the Robert Henry Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Prospective new members Terry Rosser and Robert Simpton were also introduced and have applications currently being reviewed.

The meeting was attended by 24 individuals (20 members, two prospective members and two guests).

Chapter Historian Kyle Jones provided an update on the recent Sam Rayburn Middle School Alamo Day celebration in Bryan. The chapter provided \$250 in funds and several members contributed individually to help support the project. Jones thanked everyone for their contributions and said the day was highly successful. The event received newspaper coverage in The Bryan-College Station Eagle. Funds also helped provide t-shirts for the students to wear. Jones also had shirts on hand at the meeting for members.

Nelson then gave an update on the upcoming state Sons of the Republic of Texas meeting scheduled April 10-12 in Fort Worth. He encouraged chapter members to attend this meeting.

Vice President Mervin Peters provided an update on the relocation of the Turner-Peters dogtrot log cabin that is currently being assembled at Boonville Heritage Park. He displayed some templates that will be used at each of the stops in the park depicting historical information. Peters said a dedication event is targeted for March.

Past President General and Knight of San Jacinto Charles Briggs provided the treasurer's reporter. Chapter balance is \$2,978.03 following the \$250 paid contribution to support the Alamo Day celebration.

With there being no further business, Peters introduced the program speaker, Sarah McReynolds, who in period dress, gave an excellent presentation as told by Cynthia Parker and her historical account of Old Fort Parker. The historic site is located along the Texas Brazos Trail in Groesbeck, Texas. Parker gave an entertaining, descriptive presentation about the 1836 Comanche attack on the fort and how it would forever change the life of Cynthia Parker, who was taken captive.

Cynthia was later adopted by a family belonging to the Pahuka band of Comanche Indians and would change here attitude toward her captors and adopt their language, customs and manners. Known as Naduah, she would become the wife of Chief Peta Nacona and give birth to three children, one of those being Quanah, the last great Warrior Chief of the Comanche.

Naduah would later be captured in the winter of 1860 by Captain Sul Ross and the Texas Rangers. She would be returned to her Anglo family in East Texas. However, she would later die in 1870 of a broken heart, longing to return to her husband, sons and her life with the Comanche.

Ancestor roll call followed Parker's presentation. Hicks reminded members of the next chapter meeting on Feb. 25. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
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