

MEETING MINUTES
William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 –
Sons of the Republic of Texas
April 22, 2015

The William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 Sons of the Republic of Texas met April 22 at C&J Barbecue in Bryan. The meeting was attended by 25 individuals, one of the highest-attended meetings of the year.

President John Hicks opened the meeting at noon and District Representative George Nelson provided the opening prayer.

Hicks said the chapter continues to attract new members with two new members set to be inducted at the upcoming September meeting. Hicks said recent publicity in local Bryan-College Station media has helped raise awareness about the chapter.

Following ancestor roll call, Hicks welcomed the guests in attendance. Guests included Anna Kellett and Angela Farris-Fannin with the Robert Henry Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Other guests included Bob Kraus, who has spearheaded the donation of a Republic canon at Boonville Heritage Park. Gary Bird was also a guest.

Past President General and Knight of San Jacinto Charles Briggs III gave the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$2,890.50 with no obligations.

Nelson provided an update on the recent Sons of the Republic of Texas Annual Meeting held in Fort Worth. The highlight was local chapter member Kyle Jones receiving Educator of the Year honors. Nelson also reported on activities to revitalize chapters in the Brazos Valley with a meeting to be held with the Huntsville contingent. He said there was optimism on getting some of these chapters active again.

Vice President Mervin Peters updated the membership on the Turner-Peters log cabin project. Peters said after weather delays, work continues and is nearing a July 1 completion date.

With no further business, Peters introduced speaker Dr. David Woodcock, retired head of Historic Preservation Architecture in the College of Architecture at Texas A&M University. Woodcock provided an informative program on historic architectural buildings in Texas and extensive background on historic buildings at Texas A&M.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, Hicks thanked the members for their attendance and said the next meeting is scheduled September 30 at C&J Barbecue in Bryan.

Respectfully submitted by

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