

Meeting Minutes
William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 -
Sons of the Republic of Texas
November 18, 2015

The William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 Sons of the Republic of Texas met November 18, 2015 at Kreuz Market in Bryan.

President John Hicks called the meeting to order at noon, welcoming members and guests.

Twenty-six attended the meeting – 22 members, one honorary member and three guests. President John Hicks opened the meeting with a welcome to all members. District Representative George Nelson led off with a prayer. Secretary and Publicist Blair Fannin led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Hicks reported that there were a couple of applications for membership in progress and that the chapter continues to attract new members. Ancestor Roll Call followed and the September meeting minutes posted to the chapter website were then approved.

Past President General and Knight of San Jacinto Charles Briggs gave the treasurers report. Current balance is \$2,972,49 with no liabilities.

New officer elections were held. Beginning in January 2016 and for two-year terms, officers will be:

- Mervin Peters, president.
- Blair Fannin, vice president.
- Kyle Jones, secretary.
- Charles Briggs, treasurer (Past President General, Knight of San Jacinto).
- Doug Hicks, historian and webmaster.

Peters then followed with a summary of the recent Boonville Heritage Park dedication event held in October. Donations have exceeded expectations. The project initially started with \$175,000.00 and has easily exceeded \$500,000.00. Phase II of the project continues and will a dedication event will coincide with the 175th birthday of Brazos County in the spring.

Ken Howell, Blinn College history professor and executive director of the Central Texas Historical Association, was the program speaker. Howell gave an overview of the newly formed Central Texas Historical Association, its mission and planned educational symposiums for 2016. It also will publish a journal and is accepting manuscripts for peer review on subject matter related to Central Texas and early history.

Hicks closed the meeting with a reminder that the chapter will meet again January 28 at 11:30 a.m. at Kreuz Market in Bryan. With there being no further business, Hicks adjourned the meeting at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Blair Fannin

Secretary and Publicist -

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