

Meeting Minutes
William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 -
Sons of the Republic of Texas
January 27, 2016

The William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 Sons of the Republic of Texas met January 27, 2016 at Kreuz Market in Bryan, Texas.

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

Thirty two attended the meeting – two prospective members and four guests. President John Hicks opened the meeting with a welcome to all members. Newly elected Vice President Blair Fannin led off with a prayer. Secretary Kyle Jones led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

John 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 November/December 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.

Blair Fannin gave the annual report stating the WJB – SRT has a total of 65 members with an attendance average of 25/26 members per meeting, and some of the past year highlights included the Phase I Boonville Heritage Park opening, and the SRT's participation in the BCS Annual Christmas Parade.

New chapter officers were then inducted.

- 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.
- John Hicks, Past President

Newly elected President Mervin Peters gave an update on Boonville Heritage Park's next phase, and detailed the participation of the SRT in the BCS Christmas Parade passing around a few photos. Newly elected Secretary Kyle Jones elaborated on Texas History student participation and acknowledged the generous donation of costumes from Sam Houston State University's History Department.

District Representative George Nelson updated the membership with Old and New Business including the upcoming Texas Independence Day Celebration in Walker County (Huntsville) on Wednesday March 2, 2016.

Newly elected Vice President Blair Fannin introduced the guest speaker – Linda Reynolds – Director of the East Texas Research Center at Stephen F. Austin State University. Mrs. Reynolds presentation highlighted S.F.A.'s digital archives and went through an online tour of the documents and photographs that she has collected. The website for the collection can be found at: digital.sfasu.edu .

Hicks closed the meeting with a reminder that the chapter will meet again February 24, 2016 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,

Kyle Jones

Secretary -

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