

MEETING MINUTES
William Joel Bryan Chapter #14-Sons of the Republic of Texas
April 23, 2014

The William Joel Bryan Chapter #14 – Sons of the Republic of Texas met April 23, 2014 at C&J's Barbecue in Bryan, Texas. This meeting was the final meeting before the summer break. The chapter will resume meeting September 24.

President John Hicks called the meeting to order at noon. This was followed by pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags by Secretary and Publicist Blair Fannin.

Hicks welcomed chapter members and recognized guests in attendance. Those included Jerome Gonzales, guest of chapter member Charles Ponder, and Dan Beto. Daughters of the Republic of Texas – Robert Henry Chapter members Anna Kellett and Angela Fannin were also in attendance.

Total attendance was 23 individuals – 18 members and five guests.

Following ancestor roll call, the meeting minutes from the March meeting stood approved and are posted on the chapter website. Vice President Mervin Peters provided an update on the dogtrot log cabin project. He said restoration continues by the contractor in Waco and anticipated to be transported to Boonville Heritage Park in July for assembly. Peters provided several photographs taken during disassembly, showing much of the red cedar framework to still be in good condition after more than 160 years. Two trucks transported the disassembled log cabin to Waco.

Meanwhile, Peters shared some fantastic news from the Sons of the Republic of Texas state meeting held in San Antonio as the chapter won the small chapter archives book competition. This was the second time in three years the chapter had received an award. At the end of the meeting, Hicks and chapter members in attendance gave Peters a round of applause for compiling and submitted the chapter archive book for contest.

Fannin provided a balance update on chapter finances, which stood at \$3,279.72. A rebate for annual state chapter dues will be coming soon.

With no further business, Peters introduced guest speaker Jeff Carroll, a professor of history, radio and print Legendary Texas programming. Carroll

provided an informative, in-depth program of Texas in the early 1800s and inside look at Stephen F. Austin.

Peters presented Carroll a certificate of appreciation upon the conclusion of the presentation. Fannin reminded members to visit the chapter website, which has been updated with photos, press releases and other information pertaining to chapter activities.

With no further business, Hicks adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Blair Fannin

Secretary, William Joel Bryan Chapter #14

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