

**San Antonio Chapter #4 TXSSAR**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**10 March 2016**  
**Napa Flats, Loop 1604 and Blanco**

1. **Call to Order:** V/P Dave Brooks called the meeting to order at 1130 AM. (Vice President Dave Brooks Acting in absence of President Tom Small)

2. **Opening Prayer** - James Taylor

3. **Roll Call:** The following Executive Committee members and Chapter members were present:

Dave Books	James Taylor	Frank Rohrbough
Stephen Rohrbough	Jim Massingill	Joe Ware
Larry Loop	George Harcourt	

Absent: Tom Small	Paul Reynolds	Peter Baron	Ron Powell	Bill Clanton
Schuylar Crist	Ed Snyder III	Bob Brady	Max Strozier	

4. **Review of Minutes of Past Meeting:** VP Brooks called for changes to the February 11 EC Meeting.

- Two corrections were noted:  
Item #3 - Add Bud Davenport as an attendee  
Item #9 – Line 2: Remove “San Angelo” and Insert “State” after DAR.
- Motion was made to approve the Minutes as edited. **Motion passed.**

5. **Treasurers Report:** Jim Massingill reported Beginning Balance a/o Jan 31 of \$17,319.06 and Ending Balance a/o Feb 29 of \$17,224.73. Activity included – Deposits of \$1,912.78; Debits (checks written) of \$2,007.11.

- Motion was made by James Taylor and seconded by Joe Ware to accept Report as presented. **Motion Passed.**
- Jim reported that President Small has been completed the Bank Signature Card to allow him to sign checks.

6. **Old Business:**

- **TX SAR Patriot Fund Silent Auction:** Books have been purchased for donation at the TX SAR Annual Meeting in Dallas (March 31 to April 3, 2016).
- **Speaker for March 16 Chapter Meeting:** Priscilla Hancock; Her Topic is “Life of Dolly Madison”. Joe Ware offered to donate a Book on Women of the American Revolution for presentation to Prissy.
- **TX SAR Annual Meeting in 2017:** The chapter will host the Texas State Society Annual Meeting in March 2017. The Menger Hotel was selected with the concurrence of the TX State President Larry Stevens and State Planning Committee Chairman John Beard. A Contract was signed by the State President in late January 2016. During a site visit to the Menger Hotel Jon Beard was given a Catering Menu for 2016. Upon follow up he learned that the meal cost had risen 30% over the 2015 Rates. The overall cost was determined to be prohibitive for attendees. President Stevens requested the Chapter look at an alternative hotel. George Harcourt has determined that the El

Tropicana Hotel would be an acceptable site reducing the total cost per attendee by \$200 during a 2 night stay as compared to the cost at the Menger.

**Motion:** Frank Rohrbough made a Motion and seconded by Bud Davenport to move the State Meeting from the Menger to the El Tropicana Hotel or another appropriate site. **Motion passed.** George will notify President Stevens and John Beard of our decision so the State can take action to terminate the Contract with the Menger Hotel without penalty.

#### 7. New Business:

- **Participation in Naturalization Services:** President Small has stated his support for the chapter to attend the Naturalization Service that is held at Ft. Sam Houston (Military Family Readiness Center, Bldg 2797, located at 3060 Stanley Road) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. A representative is needed for March 22 at 2:00 PM; George Harcourt volunteered to attend the event. A volunteer is need for April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Resignation of Treasurer:** Jim announced his resignation as Treasurer due to on-going health concerns. V/P Brooks stated that President Small is seeking a replacement candidate.
- **Law Enforcement Awards:** Dave reported that President Small had sent at letter to 16 local police departments inviting them to nominate candidates for the presentation of the SAR Law Enforcement Award at our May Chapter Meeting. They were given a suspense date of 31 March 2016 to submit their narrative summary.

#### 8. Coming events:

- **Frank Tejada MS History Faire:** Dave reported that we have 7 members who will participate in the annual event. He noted that we need something to give the Students as a gift to attract them to our Booth. He proposed a Lapel Pin of Crossed US Flags at a small cost from oriental Trade Company.  
**Motion:** Bud Davenport made a Motion and seconded by Joe Ware to use \$50 available funds as determined by the Treasurer to purchase the items. **Motion passed.**
- **Losoya MS History Fair:** Frank Rohrbough reported that he had a request from Mr. Dwight Zeigler for SAR to participate in the Annual History and Cultural Fair at Losoya Middle School on April 9, Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. He noted that we supported the event in April 2014. The Committee agreed we should support the event; Frank will seek volunteers.

#### 9. Committee Reports:

- **Genealogy:** James Taylor reported that he had 5 application returned from NSSAR for additional information. He is currently working on 5 new applications (2 are in final process awaiting signature by the applicants).
- **Registrar:** In Peter Baron's absence, Frank Rohrbough reported that as of March 4<sup>th</sup> we have 204 paid members; 40 members have been dropped due to non-payment of dues for 2016.
- **Awards:**  
**Poster Contest:** Stephen Rohrbough reported that we had 25 students participate in the Poster Contest from Hardy Oaks Elementary School. Certificates are being prepared for every participant. **Rease Bullock** was selected as our entry for the state-level competition at the Annual Texas SAR State Meeting in Dallas starting on 1 April.  
**Knight Essay Contest:** We had 7 students participate in the SAR's George & Stella Knight Essay Contest – 4 winners were selected. Certificates and checks have been presented by President Small who was accompanied by Compatriot Frank Rohrbough already made to winners in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

and 4<sup>th</sup> Place Winners at their school or home. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner was Alexia Lazcano who will read her Essay at our Chapter Meeting on June 15th.

**Veterans:** Larry Loop reported on our participation in the “Salute to Veterans Week” Program at Shavano Park VA Clinic where we held a mini-reception for all veterans who had clinic appointments during the period February 16-18. SAR Patriots greeted each veteran, thanked them for their service, offered them a valentine made by school children of San Antonio schools and provided refreshments of water, pastries, fruit, cookies and fresh vegetables with dip at a total cost of \$82.00. We greatly appreciate the \$50 donation made by the H.E.B Store Manager Mr. Jaime Lozano (located at DeZavala and IH-10) for his support of Veterans receiving care at the Clinic. Larry thanked the 10 members who supported the event. Frank Rohrbough reported that four of our members participated in the Regional Program which was held on Friday, at 10:00 AM, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Audie Murphy Memorial Medical Center.

**Scholarship:** The Edward Snyder Scholarship Program was briefly discussed. Candidates come from the Minnie Piper Foundation.

#### 10. Other Topics:

- **NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting:** VPG Stephen Rohrbough (South Central District) reported on some of the events at NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting in Louisville, KY on February 26-29, 2016. He highlighted the status of the Solid Light Program to build an Educational Center in the New Headquarters Building. The contractor presented a state-of-the-art Video outlining what the Educational Center might be. He noted that the build-out will cost \$2.7 million which will come from private fund raising thru the SAR Foundation. He noted that the Board of Trustees had a good discussion on the pros and cons of this initiative, but voted 44 to 29 to proceed with the Project. He is seeking to get a copy of the video for further showing to the Chapter and throughout the South Central District.
- **New Member Initiative:** Joe Ware asked that member assist in getting new members into SAR and to earn the SAR Liberty Medal (i.e., be a co-signer on application for every 10 new members)
- **Chapter Shirts:** George Harcourt said he would be glad to take orders for chapter logo shirts if the membership has an interest.

Adjourned Meeting at 1:55 PM.

Frank Rohrbough  
Acting Recording Secretary