

Sons of the American Revolution
Bluebonnet Chapter #41
September 8, 2020

SAR, Bluebonnet Chapter, #41 SAR, conducted our meeting via ZOOM

President Greco called the meeting to order at 11:04 A.M..

Convocation given by President Greco

Pledges to the flags were led by President Greco.

President Greco introduced the guests. TXSSAR Council of Chapter Presidents Chairman, Ken Tooke and Mike Connally, President Denton Chapter.

There were 8 members and 2 guests.

Secretary Minutes

Since we had new members present, previous months' minutes were read by Secretary Glenn Rhyne

Treasurer report given by Glenn Rhyne

Using Treasurers Information recapping February and March activities and continuing for April and May.

February Opening Balance was \$872.12
Closing Balance was \$872.12
No Activity

March Opening Balance was \$872.12
One check issued in the amount of \$49.00 for awards
Closing Balance was \$823.12

April - Open \$823.12
Close \$823.12
No activity

May - Open \$823.12 at
Deposit \$46.00 Thrivent Donation
Chapter portion of Annual Dues \$256.50
Close \$1125.62

Motion by Compatriot Bush to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded by Compatriot Groff. Treasurer's Report approved.

Registrar Report given by Registrar, Gary Bruton

New Members

Ray Webb Inducted at Bella Sera Restaurant in Marble falls. Other Diners observed the induction, with President Greco in his American Revolution uniform, and requested information about SAR.

Robert Harris out of area, awaiting induction.

John McCool to be inducted Sep. 25, 2020 at his house in Mason, TX.

Three prospective members, William Barnes, Thor Lokey and Christopher Lokey awaiting completion of paperwork and approval by State and National.

It was reported that National is moving pretty fast to complete pending applications.

Supplemental Patriot requests are again moving.

Compatriot Bruce Hunsperger's Supplemental has been approved and awaiting presentation.

Registrar Bruton will be in contact with Texas State and Florida State Registrars to expedite the transfer of Compatriot Garrett Copey to our Chapter.

Old Business

Outstanding Citizenship Award presented to Maxine Heath

Also, a Grave marking ceremony for Compatriot Jim Heath Past President TXSSAR Chapter #41. The grave marking has been placed on hold until the Grave Stone has been installed.

Burnet High School Flag Presentation Award

125th Spring Convention TXSSAR Woodlands, TX. At the Westin Hotel

Corona virus (COVID-19) State notice of information

Americanism / President General's NSSAR Report

New Business

September 11, 2020 from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. will be a God and Country Rally at businesses at the intersection of US Hwy. 281 and Hwy. 29 in Burnet, TX. All are invited to participate. Flags that will be allowed are U.S. Flag, State of Texas Flag and Christian Flag. This is a non-political rally. Our Chapter was told that we could not display the SAR Flag and that the rally could not be counted as a Chapter Event as God is part of the title of this rally.

COVID-19 restrictions, Status of meetings, in person and ZOOM meeting ground rules
On August 27, 2020, Chapter members participated in ZOOM meeting training, provided by Compatriot Mike Connelley, Denton SAR Chapter President. The following Bluebonnet

Chapter members participated: Michael Greco, Glenn Rhyne, Charles Bush, Gary Bruton.

We learned how to set up a zoom meeting, invite participants, provide the meeting id and pass code to all invitees. Also, it is possible to set up a virtual background, for the host, to display flags in the background. Further, that it is possible to share document(s), video or photo files with all participants. The meeting can also be recorded, for review and reference, as needed. Permission must be given by meeting host.

President Greco has found that the TX AG Extension building in Burnet will allow up to 30 persons for our Chapter meetings. Until and an in person meeting is scheduled, either at the TX AG Extension building or the Marble Falls Library, meetings will continue via Zoom.

With the help of Compatriot John Anderson, TXSSAR Historian, our chapter is in the process of developing our own Bluebonnet Chapter #41 website. Our Chapter needs a compatriot with HTML and website administrator experience to volunteer to accept responsibility for the website and keep it current and updated.

Also, our Chapter is receiving assistance from Denton, TX. Chapter President Mike Connelley to develop a newsletter. The news letter will have a template just fill in info and publish periodically. Our Chapter needs a Compatriot to volunteer to accept responsibility for the newsletter and keep it updated and current.

John Anderson, Texas SAR State Historian is helping us. When our website is ready, it will be posted to State. Three Chapter Officers, President, Secretary and Registrar will have their phone number and email address shown in contact menu.

Chapter by Laws Review and Amendments

Our Chapter is looking for Compatriots to volunteer to Chair and Serve on a committee to review and update our bylaw. Some issues needed to be resolved are frequencies, day, times of meetings and method, in person or Zoom depending on circumstances.

Chapter Officer Nominations Committee

Our Chapter is looking for volunteers to Chair and Serve on a committee to nominate Compatriot members willing to accept and serve in Chapter Officer positions. Nominations and acceptances are due in November with voting in December.

Award Presentation and inductions for September

For his continued Outstanding contributions as Chapter Registrar, Compatriot Gary Bruton was awarded the TXSSAR Service Award, Medal and Certificate. This is a new award and Compatriot Bruton is the second member of our Chapter to receive this prestigious award.

At noon on August 27, 2020 a special Induction Ceremony for Compatriot Ray Webb, was held at Bella Sera Restaurant, Marble Falls, TX. Chapter Officers present were, President, Michael Greco, Registrar, Gary Bruton, and Secretary, Glenn Rhyne.

Compatriot Webb, accompanied by his wife, Andrea was Inducted into the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution by President Greco. He was presented with his Certificate of Membership, a Texas SSAR Challenge Coin and Rosette. The Rosette was pinned to Compatriot Webb's collar by his wife.

Compatriot Webb's wife, Andrea was presented with the WOSAR Pin, (Wife of Sons of the American Revolution), which was attached to her collar by Compatriot Webb.

Two new Life Saver awards

Police Officer who helped to deliver baby and perform life saving duties until medical personnel arrived. Will be awarded later in the month of September.

Rick Neely Helicopter pilot with Life Flight Will be awarded later in the month of September.

Next meeting to be determined. President Greco will notify all Chapter members of date and time of our next meeting. Type of meeting to be determined by status of COVID-19 restrictions.

Program

President: Michael Greco, Future Chapter Business / Operations and open discussions.

President Greco stressed the importance and the need of current and new Chapter members stepping up to serve in Officer positions. Current bylaws have time limitations for positions. It is not realistic to remove those limitations.

The Vice-President position has not been filled and other Officers have been in position for almost more than three years or more. It was stressed that an urgent need for Compatriot members to nominate, those nominated need to accept, and then voted on, to serve. Without this, then our Chapter may be deactivated.

Duties of the Officer positions for TXSSAR can be found at.

<https://www.TXSSAR.org/pdf/bylaws.pdf>

Chapter Officer duties are determined by Chapter bylaws and TXSSAR bylaws.

Compatriot Connelley, President, Denton Chapter SAR offered ideas on how to keep membership involved and informed with Chapter activities and events. Chapter website (under development) a periodic newsletter in which members learn of what we are planning to do, what we are doing and what we did.

Compatriot Tooke reminded us that even large Chapters have the same issues as smaller Chapters in having membership take on Officer duties and responsibilities.

Closing Admonition given by President Greco

Benediction given by President Greco.

Meeting closed at 12:16 p.m.



Glenn Rhyne
Secretary, SAR
Bluebonnet Chapter #41