

**Bernardo de Gálvez Chapter #1
Meeting Minutes
16 August 2014**



Attendance:

Bill Whatley
Mr. E.J. de la Houssaye
Mrs. E.J. de la Houssaye
Guy Taylor, Sr.
Guy Taylor, Jr.
Lawrence Casey
John Loper
Ralph Stenzel
Jim Cantrell
David Peterson
George Dersheimer
Larry D. Tidwell
Victor Lane
Martha Lane
Joe Machol
Bill Adriance
Gordon Robinson
Andy Shaner

Meeting was called to order by Secretary Andy Shaner

Invocation and led by Chaplain Gordon Robinson

Flag Pledges led by President Bill Whatley

Everyone present introduced themselves

Announcements

Bill Whatley mentioned the September 20th Constitution Day luncheon with the Galveston George Washington Chapter DAR; more details coming but it will be held at the Galveston Artillery Club

Tickets still being sold for the Genealogy Chart; raffle tickets are \$10

Guy Taylor, Sr. and Jr., John Loper, and John Hamlin are now confirmed SAR Members

Presentations

Certificate of Appreciation to Galveston Marine Corp. league for financial contributions to the Galveston 4th of July Parade; accepted by Guy Taylor, Sr.

Certificate of Appreciation to Galveston Historical Society for hosting chapter 4th of July parade lunch; accepted by Jim Cantrell

Ed de la Houssaye Presentation

Ed presented a tribute to his patriot ancestor, Louis le Pelletier de la Houssaye, captain with the 4th Dragoons under Bernardo de Gálvez

David Peterson talked about an error in the placement of the American flag on a TV commercial. David called the organization multiple times and eventually the error was corrected

Chapter has presented 123 flag certificates; passes our goal

Treasurer Report – Gordon Robinson

Our current balance is \$1,994.86

We have collected \$80 so far for the Genealogy chart raffle

Statue Report – Bill Adriance

Bill spoke to the Lafitte society on August 12; they considered a group donation to the statue

10 Friends Project

Letter on chapter stationery to send to family/friends about purchasing a brick

Creative writing contest with the Galveston Public Schools and Optimist Club

Bill has a letter from a landscape architect saying he will provide a master plan for the landscaping around the statue

About \$5,000 in statue account

Registrar Report – Bill Whatley (Pete Lenes not in attendance)

Goal of 7 new members for the year has been passed

Status	Name	Comments
Application	John Loper	Check Cashed
Application	Guy Taylor	Check Cashed
Application	Guy Tayhlor Jr	Check Cashed
Application	John Hamlin	Check Cashed
Application	Merlin Shaner Grandson	Application Problem
Application	Dalton Redman (Ralph Stenzel Grandson)	About eady to Submit
Application	Victor Lane	Working Application
Application	Huey Seaforth	Working Application
Application (Supplemental)	Bill Whatley	Check Cashed
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Application (Supplemental)	Ron Whatley	Check Cashed
Application (Supplemental)	Ron Whatley	Check Cashed
Application (Supplemental)	Asa Whatley	Check Cashed
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Application (Supplemental)	Ty Whatley	Check Cashed
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Joe Machol discussed the fundraising ball held by Seabrook to pay for the Veterans Memorial; they raised \$36,000 over three years. Perhaps the chapter could do something similar to raise funds for the statue

Bobby O'Bryan volunteered to chair a veteran's committee; he will help chapter vets obtain SAR medals

Larry Casey and Larry Tidwell reported on the National meeting in South Carolina. Outgoing NSSAR President-General Dooley shaved his head in recognition that over \$1 million was raised for the SAR Center for Advancing American Heritage.

David Peterson asked if the chapter submits anything regarding our activities to the nations magazine; Gordon suggested an article about the statue.

Recessional led by Bill Whatley

Adjourned