

Bernardo de Gálvez Chapter #1
Meeting Minutes
17 January 2014



Attendance:

George Dersheimer
Ryan Van Dewalli
John Van Dewalli
Kathy Van Dewalli
Pete Lenes
Gene Shaner
Bill Whatley
Ralph Stenzel
David Petersen
Paul Noble
Bill Adriance
Guy Taylor
Andy Shaner
Bobby O'Bryan
Mayet O'Bryan
Larry Tidwell
Max E. Kehlmeier
Max A. Kehlmeier
Jim Cantrell
Larry Thacker
Gordon Robinson

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Andy Shaner
President Bill Whatley led the pledges (U.S., TX, & SAR)
Gordon Robinson led the invocation
Meeting was turned over to President Bill Whatley
Introductions, including the 2014 chapter officers

Announcements

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting at Hotel Gálvez; chapter will have a booth to accept donations/pledges for Gálvez statue fund, Eric (sculptor) will attend

SAR dues are due this month; pay thru TXSSAR site (can pay with PayPal, but there is an extra charge)

SAR Rosette pins and have ordered and are on their way

TXSSAR Spring Convention will be held March 28-30 in San Antonio at the Omni Hotel; special rate of \$99/night is available

Registrar Report

Goal of 7 new members in 2014, 5 so far; 7 working on application; 3 working on genealogy; 15 supplemental apps are in progress

Pete Lenes reported on new birth certificate rule: if an applicant's birth certificate does not include their name, they may submit their driver's license showing their birthdate along with the birth certificate

Statue Progress

Miniature of statue has been bronzed

Bill Adriance will have a guest column regarding the statue in the January 19 Galveston News to generate donations

New donation categories have been created and are based off donation amount

Flag Certificates

2014 Goal: 100

Criteria for giving a flag certificate was discussed

****IMPORANT**** Email Peter Baron (ptbaron@hotmail.com) whenever you give a flag certificate

Chapter Monthly Newsletter

Andy Shaner presented Bill Whatley's wish to re-instate a monthly newsletter and an example newsletter was passed around

Membership & Awards

Eagle Scout Award was presented to Ryan Van Dewalli, grandson of George Dersheimer

Bobby O'Bryan was presented with his SAR membership certificate

War Service Medals were presented to Bobby O'Bryan and Ralph Stenzel

The Bronze TX Service Medal was presented to Dave Dersheimer for his work on the chapter website; award was accepted by Ryan Van Dewalli (nephew)

Treasurer Report

Gordon Robinson: "We're solvent." Balance: \$2061.33

George Dersheimer motioned that the chapter donate \$100 to Project Graduation; motion not seconded

Update on increasing chapter dues: the state can increase chapter dues next year with enough notice; Gordon Robinson motioned the chapter dues increase be deferred to 2015, George Dersheimer seconded, the motion carried.

Recessional was led by Bill Whatley

Meeting was adjourned