

Bernardo de Gálvez Chapter #1
Meeting Minutes
17 May 2014



Attendance:

Gene Shaner
Dalton Redman
Ralph Stenzel
John Loper
James C. Clifford
Bill Hall
George Dersheimer
Huey Seyfarth
John P. Gully, Jr.
Lynette Gully
Harry Fife
Guy Taylor
Guy Taylor, Jr.
Bill Whatley
Bill Adriance
Pete Lenes
Larry D. Tidwell
Jerry Hawkins
James E. Mitchell
Andy Shaner
David Petersen
Eddie de la Houssaye

Meeting was called to order by Secretary Andy Shaner

Invocation

President Bill Whatley led the flag pledges (U.S., TX, SAR)

Guests at the meeting were introduced

Announcements

Chapter By-Laws being updated by Gordon Robinson

JROTC Certificates/Medals presented this year to:

Dickinson HS

Clear Creek School District (5)

Ball HS (2)

Two Eagle Scout Awards presented in May

Our chapter must present Service Medals (Police, Fire, EMC, Heroism) by June 1 to count for 2014; Doug McBee has names and will present by end of May

Two past chapter member recently passed. A moment of silence was held for both. Bill Adriance motioned that two memorial bricks be purchased, Jim Mitchell seconded, motion passed.

Registrar's Report

64 flag certificates given so far this year; goal of 100 for the year

4 Bronze Good Citizenship awards given

Membership

New members: Gene Shaner, James Clifford

John Adriance membership has been approved

Guy Taylor Sr. and Jr. memberships are on the way

8 supplementals have been submitted for the Whatleys

Dalton Redman needs to redo his genealogy line

Kehlmeier working on applications

Presentations

Gene Shaner and James Clifford received membership certificates

Ralph Stenzel received a supplemental certificate

Bill Adriance received Bronze TX Society Award for work on Gálvez statue project

Guy Taylor received Bronze Good Citizenship Award for playing bugle at Galveston County courthouse when the flag is lowered

Treasurer's Report

"We're solvent."

Statue Update - Bill Adriance

A new banner has been ordered for booth to attract donations

The booth will be setup at the San Jacinto Community College Flamenco Festival May 30 & 31

An article about the statue appeared in the spring issue of the Sons of the Revolution magazine "Drumbeat."

The chapter has aligned itself with the Spanish consulate and the Granderas y Damas de Gálvez

Caroline Crimm, retired from SHSU, gives presentations to DAR, SAR and others about Gálvez and promotes statue in presentations

Bill was contacted by Thomas Ellington Fortin, producing a documentary about Gálvez

Bill has began the process of applying for a grant through the Worthen Foundation

We know budget for statute; we need a budget for the pedestal, landscaping, benches, etc.

Students at ITT Tech in Webster are drafting models of statue site

Education contest in Galveston schools and Houston Spanish schools

Bill will set up a booth at Menard park on weekends over the summer to take donations

Jim Mitchell presented a thumbnail sketch of Ethan Allen

No update from the graves search committee

Recessional

Adjourned