



General Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Texas
Annual Meeting
April 3, 2022, 7:00 – 8:00 AM

Sunday Breakfast Meeting Minutes

28 Attendees from 5 Chapters attended the breakfast meeting at the Richardson Hilton attendance list is attached to the minutes. (Bob Kubin did not sign attendance sheet)

The meeting was called to order @ 7:06am by John Thompson

- Opening Invocation – Compatriot Charles R. Richardson
- Pledge to the United States Flag – Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Kubin
- Pledge to the Texas Flag – Compatriot David Hamaker
- Pledge to the Flag of 1812 – Compatriot Ed Sellards

President John Kenton Thompson gave welcoming and opening remarks.

GSW 1812 Chaplin Kevin L. Kanter gave introduction of himself is a Catholic deacon, his remarks spoke of divine inspiration protecting the rights granted by our creator as it relates to our mission of the GSW1812.

Broke for breakfast, began business meeting at 7:45am

Secretary/Treasurer Report – John Kenton Thompson gave report for Henry Schoenfelt II. The bank account balance is \$16,950.71 as Mar 29, 2022. There is a CD for life memberships in amount of \$17,480.66.

There was a discussion to increase the 2nd place Oration award donation, from the GSW 1812, at the SAR state convention from \$500 to \$750. Bill Seckel offered motion for the increase beginning in 2023 and the motion carried.

John Thompson and David Temple discussed the 1812 archives at Texas A&M Cushing Library. Donation of \$500 was previously approved but not yet paid to Texas A&M Cushing Library. There are boxes of file that both David Temple and John Thompson have that need to be reviewed and then turn over to archives at Cushing Library.

Bill Sekel and Drake Peddie led a discussion on the grave markers indicating that we had only 4 or 5 left and need to procure more. There was discussion on the cost of each medal, how many we would need to buy to get a price break. It was determined that we should gather the relevant information to present in a future zoom call and to offer a motion at that time on our plan for obtaining more medals.

Drake Peddie discussed the new Texas GSW 1812 website, ww.texas1812.org. The setup cost was \$202.97

New officer slate was presented to the body;

- President – Drake McNeely Peddie
- Vice-President – David C. Hamaker
- Treasurer - Brian Paul Ridenour
- Secretary - Brandon Gaines
- Registrar – Charles W. (Chuck) Sprague
- Chaplain – Kevin L. Kanter
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Blair Rudy (Pending w Bob Kubin on April 3, 2022)
- Webmaster – Brian Paul Ridenour
- Editor of Newsletter – Larry G. Stevens

Motion was made to accept the officer slate and motion passed. Bill Sekel inducted the new members

President Drake Peddie addressed the body and discussed the new website, conducting semiannual in person meeting, 2 or 3 zoom meetings, and establish archive committee.

Wayne Courreges offered a motion for John Thompson to become the Vice President General for state of Texas. Bill Sekel seconded the motion, and it was agreed to.

Motion by T L Holden to change signatories on bank accounts, seconded by David Hamaker – motion passed

Bill Sekel discussed the ROTC service medals given by the State society to University ROTC sophomores. It costs about \$360/year to offer the medals.

Benediction was provided by Kevin Kantor and meeting was adjourned by President Drake Peddie.

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Annual Breakfast Meeting Agenda
Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Spring, Texas

- **Welcome**
- **Invocation / Pledges**
- **American Creed**
 - I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.
 - I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.
- **National Officer Greetings / Guest Recognition**
- **State Presidents' Report (Peddie)**
- **Other State Officer Reports (Registrar, Treasurer, etc.)**
- **Chapter Reports**
 - David Crockett Chapter (San Antonio)
 - Craig Austin Rowley Chapter (Plano)
 - Stephen F. Austin Chapter (Austin)
 - Zachary Taylor Chapter (Houston)
 - President James Madison Chapter (Midland)
 - Ensign James Luna Chapter (Quitman)
 - Elder Jacob Maryon Coffman Chapter (Fort Worth)
- **Old Business**
 - GSW1812 Grave Markers (Paul Ridenour)
 - ROTC Medals and Awards (William Sekel)
 - What else ???
- **New Business**
 - New members
 - Approval of new GSW1812-TX Texas non-profit corporation
 - New Bylaws / Constitution / Bank accounts
 - Review and approval of new Colonel Tom Owings Chapter (Conroe)
 - Election/Appointment of new State officers as required.
 - GSW1812 National News
 - What else ???
- **Closing Comments (Peddie)**
- **Benediction**