

Minutes of the January 9, 2019, meeting of the Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5, SUVCW held at the South Shreveport Branch Shreve Memorial Library.

Meeting opened at 6:07 p.m. Members present were Brothers Cox, Elliott, Henigan, Offer, Porter, Prime, Vets Sr. and Vets II. The stations and colors were recited. The invocation was offered by Commander Vets, who then led the recitation of the Americans' Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance. The formal meeting then commenced.

Commander Vets thanked Brother Elliott for serving in his stead at the December 2018 meeting. Commander Vets then noted the absence of Brother Brasher and Chaplain Heller.

Commander Vets then observed that national, department and camp dues were on schedule to be paid. He noted that his primary challenge for the year, and by extension the challenge to camp brothers, was to recruit at least one new member each, hopefully doubling membership to 30 by the year's end. He observed that the SUVCW's associate membership provision offers a splendid way to do this recruitment.

Treasurer Brother Prime noted the camp's bank balance remained unchanged at \$128.63 with no activity, no fees, no deposits and no checks written. After brief discussion, there was a motion to accept by Brother Elliott, seconded by Brother Vets Sr., and approved by acclamation.

The December 2018 minutes were read by Commander Vets. It was moved to accept by Brother Vets Sr., seconded by Brother Elliott and approved by acclamation.

Commander Vets resurrected the issue of quorum noted in the minutes. He pointed out this needed to be addressed in the camp bylaws, which were derived from the existing current bylaws of a sibling Texas camp. This issue needs to be put before camp brothers and determined at a future meeting and so was tabled at present.

Commander Vets then noted with approval station pennants crafted by Secretary-Treasurer Brother Prime. It was noted these should be framed with colors associated with the stations. Discussion then moved to the subject of grave markers. Brother Porter said he would approach marker and memorial companies for estimates. Commander Vets said the subject would be revisited at the February meeting.

Brother Offer then presented an update on flag certificate and a veterans flag dedication made to Panola College in Carthage, Texas, in the name of the camp.

There then ensued brief discussion of the ROTC and Junior ROTC medals and certificates. Commander Vets said he would contact the Houston Camp for proper procedures to follow.

Plans then were discussed to present the Tatum Independent School District with a certificate.

Under New Business, Brother Offer suggested his students engage in a competition to honor presidents in conjunction with the national holiday in February. He asked if a camp brother in uniform could visit the college at a history talk to take place in March or April, the timing to come as close as possible to the April reenactment of the Battle of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill. Mention was made again of an essay contest to give students credit and honors. A suggestion made that students research their own Union or Confederate ancestry for possible camp membership.

At this time Brother Cox suggested seeking TV publicity for the camp. He also suggested the camp place wreaths at upcoming Memorial Day events. It also was noted that YouTube has several excellent videos on Civil War leaders and subjects. Commander Vets noted the camp's civil war grave markers project under discussion and research would provide good TV feature fodder.

Discussion ended on current projects. There being no further new business, a closing prayer was offered by Commander Vets, who recited a prayer penned by the nation's premiere Revolutionary leader and our first president, George Washington.

After a final notice that the next camp meeting would be February 13, 2019, the meeting concluded with proper motions at 6:50 p.m.

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