

Minutes of the September 11, 2019, meeting of the Brig. Gen. Joseph Bailey Camp No. 5, SUVCW held at the South Shreveport Branch Shreve Memorial Library.

The meeting opened at 6:08 p.m. Members present were Brothers Cox, Elliott, Heller, Prime, Vets Sr. and Bo Vets, with visitor Tim McDearmont. A second visitor, state Rep. Thomas Carmody, arrived 12 minutes into the meeting.

The stations and colors were recited. The invocation was offered by Chaplain Heller, with the assembled members then reciting the Americans' Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance. The formal meeting then commenced.

Minutes for the Camp's August meeting having been emailed to members, a motion was made to accept these, seconded and approved.

The treasurer's report by Brother Prime noted the bank balance unchanged from the last meeting, at \$520.13. The treasurer's report was moved, seconded and voted for approval.

Recapping old business, the awarding of flag certificates was discussed, with Brother Elliott suggesting the Marshall (Texas) Independent School District as a recipient, along with its major supporters, Caldwell Banker and the Knights of Columbus. Brother Prime suggested the KIA dealership on Bert Kouns Industrial Loop. Elliott and Prime offered to make inquiries to the entities. Both were moved, seconded and voted with approval. It was noted that two flag certificates have been awarded so far and the next two should be presented by year's end.

Future meetings and meeting sites were discussed. October and November 2019 will take place at the library. Prime suggested Ralph & Kacoo's in Bossier City for the December meeting. The proposal was moved, seconded and approved. Brother Cox suggested nearby Willis-Knighton South as a future meeting site. Brother Prime reminded that Brother Joiner offered space at LSU, but him being absent the proposal was not further discussed. However, Commander Vets suggested Brothers Cox, Prime and Joiner to form a committee to seek an alternate meeting location.

Next, upcoming elections were discussed. Per SUVCW rules, nominations will be made in October, with a vote to be held in November, and installations to follow in January.

Brother Elliott noted that our formative meeting was held July 11 with our first camp meeting in August, with our charter presented in November.

Brother Prime noted he has volunteered to serve on a national SUVCW monument protection and preservation committee.

Next, Brother Cox presented a video and discussion of Major General George Thomas, the "Rock of Chickamauga." A vastly underrated general whose reputation has languished as he was not a self-promoter as were so many of his peers, he never lost a battle where he was in charge. The video lasted just under 10 minutes.

Visitor Thomas Carmody discussed Sgt. John Carmody, who was at Fort Sumter and fired back at Confederate batteries despite orders to not do so.

There was a moment of silence on honor memory of the September 11, 2001 victims.

There being no further new business, a closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Heller. The meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

The next camp meeting will be October 9, 2019, 6 p.m. at the Bert Kouns library location, with the program tentatively to be by Brother Heller and concern a Medal of Honor recipient from Carthage, Texas, buried at Arlington National Cemetery.