

Sam Houston Chapter Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	Saturday, July 19, 2025	Meeting Start Time:	11:30 am
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Attendee Name	SRT Chapter Member	Guest
1. Bart Dawson	Sam Houston Chapter	☐
2. Billy Tippit	Sam Houston Chapter	☐
3. Pat Wallace	Sam Houston Chapter	☐
4. Jesse Pantalion	Sam Houston Chapter	☐
5. Rick Giuffré	Sam Houston Chapter	☐
6. Dennis Giuffre, KSJ	Sam Houston Chapter	☐
7. Mike Covington	Sam Houston Chapter	☐
8. Bill Patterson	Sam Houston Chapter	☐
9. Beth Fisher	Choose an item.	☒
10. Pete Rindlisbacher	Honorary Member	☐
11. Larry Arnold	Sam Houston Chapter	☐
12. Marie Watts	Choose an item.	☒
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TOPICS			
1. Old Business (<i>Existing topics of business from preceding meeting</i>)			
Topic/Title	Discussion/Action Item	Owner	Status
Treasurer Report	2025/01/18 Update: Treasurer Phil Whitley reported the Capital One account had \$6953.89 while the Community Credit Union accounts were unchanged from November 2024. 2025/02/15 Update: Treasurer Phil Whitley reported we had three accounts: First Community interest bearing account with \$2,315.70, a First Community checking account with \$203.26, and a Capital One account with \$7,382.19. No statement from Capital One was received in December, so Phil will follow up. A motion was made by Bart Dawson to transfer funding from the First Community interest bearing account to the checking account so that a \$1000.00 check may be issued for the annual Katy ISD NJROTC scholarship in May 2025. Rick Giuffré seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. 2025/05/17 Update: Treasurer Phil Whitley reported we have three accounts. First Community interest bearing Savings account with \$1,316.22. \$1,000 is reserved for scholarship. The First Community checking account has \$1,203.26. A check for \$1,000 for the scholarship had not been cashed as of 2025-05-17. Capital One account had \$7,581.32. Phil identified a problem with checks written to the Chapter from Bay City wherein the original account was set up as <i>The Sons of The Republic of Texas</i>. The President discussed the situation with the SRT Treasurer General and determined the best course was to use <i>The Sons of The Republic of Texas, Sam Houston Chapter #38</i>. A motion was made by Billy Tippit and seconded by Bart Dawson authorizing a change of the signatories on the checking and savings accounts at First Community Credit Union to reflect the duly elected officers from the February 2025 chapter meeting. The authorized signatories shall be Richard A. Giuffre, President; Patrick Burell, First Vice President; and Phil Whitley, Treasurer. All other signatories shall be removed. The motion was approved by a vote of the membership. A second motion was made by Bart Dawson and seconded by	Phil Whitley	In Progress

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	Pat Wallace authorizing Treasurer Phil Whitley to close all accounts at Capital One Bank with the funds being transferred to the Chapter's account at First Community Credit Union. Bart added discussion that the Capitol One checks need to be destroyed once the account was closed. The motion was approved by a vote of the membership. 2025/06/21 Update: Treasurer Phil Whitley was absent; however, President Rick Giuffré gave the Treasurer's Report. The Capital One account balance was \$8,752.19 as of 2025/05/31, while the First Community Credit Union checking account was \$303.26 and the savings account was \$1,316.22 as of 2025/03/31. Rick commented that the First Community savings account was where we keep funds for the Bobby R. Smith USS San Jacinto Scholarship every year. Since it is an annual \$1,000 scholarship, we will deplete those funds in 2026; therefore, we must make decisions about either transferring funds or identify a fundraiser. Donations will also be accepted. 2025/07/19 Update: President Rick Giuffre read the Treasurer's report showing the Capital One checking account balance was \$8,752.19, while the First Community Credit Union checking account balance was \$303.26 and the First Community Credit Union savings account balance was \$1,316.55.		
Ancestor Biographies Project	2024/11/16 Update: Patrick sent an email to the current and incoming officers requesting they complete and return their ancestor biography document. Most had responded as of today. A separate email went out to all Chapter members requesting they complete and return their ancestor biography. One respondent requested to reactivate his membership with Patrick asking Janet how to do so. 2025/01/18 Update: No update provided. 2025/05/17 Update: No update provided 2025/06/21 Update: Pat Burell and Rick Giuffré discussed trying to obtain additional biographies to complete a book of the membership biographies. They have struggled to get responses. Rick mentioned that once members have completed their SRT applications, the biography is a required part of your application. Rick encouraged members who have not submitted their biographies to use their applications. Rick reminded members that the	Patrick Burell	In Progress

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	biography was for the “Qualifying Ancestor” only and did not have to be a novel. Rick commented that we could not obtain copies of applications from Bay City due to privacy restrictions. Rick will include a reminder in future emails. 2025/07/19 Update: For those who had not completed their ancestor’s biography, Bart Dawson brought blank hard copies to be completed and returned. The information requested is in the member’s SRT application. Rick reminded everyone this project was ongoing for several years and biographies did not have to be extensive. If you need a copy of your SRT application, Janet with the SRT Bay City office can provide copies to you.		
City of Katy’s Texas Sesquicentennial Sign Restoration Project	2025/06/21 Update: Bart Dawson proposed a community service project to repaint the City of Katy’s Texas Sesquicentennial sign on Avenue D. The Chapter contacted the City of Katy Parks & Recreation Department requesting permission to repaint the sign. The City of Katy responded positively but sought further approval and would contact us soon. 2025/07/19 Update: Bart Dawson updated information on the sign restoration project. The sign was concrete in a metal frame and the metal was corroded and needed to be cleaned. The sign was prefabricated concrete. Ladders and rollers would be needed for this project. Rick suggested the project be completed during a cooler period of the year. A suggestion was made to ask the City of Katy if they could provide details about original colors used.	Bart Dawson	In Progress

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2. New Business (Brought forward during the current meeting)			
Topic/Title	Discussion/Action Item	Owner	Status
Meeting Minutes	A motion was made by Pat Wallace to approve the minutes as provided and was seconded by Mike Covington. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.	Rick Giuffré	Closed
Come and Take it Cannon Donation	Saturday, June 21: Chapter Meeting President Rick Giuffré read a thank you letter from Katy ISD for the donation of the Come and Take It Cannon to the Kenneth D. Welch Outdoor Learning Center. The donation was valued at \$1,000.00. It was estimated that thousands of people would see it because Katy ISD brought school classes to the Learning Center throughout the year. Katy ISD was trying to obtain artwork on the cannon to display with the cannon. Katy ISD school board members acknowledged receipt of the cannon during the May 2025 school board meeting and thanked us.	Rick Giuffré	Closed
First Navy of Texas Historical Society	Ms. Beth Fisher attended our meeting and introduced the First Navy of Texas Historical Society located in Matagorda, Texas. This organization is not affiliated with the Texas Navy organization. For further details, contact Beth at Admtxnavy@aol.com or (713) 202-2045.	Rick Giuffré	Closed
Upcoming Events	No meeting in August and September. Next meeting in October. Texian Navy Day will be September 20 at the San Jacinto Monument. Our Chapter's scholarship recipient, former Katy ISD NJROTC Cadet Jones, planned to attend.	Rick Giuffré	Closed
Guest Speaker	President Rick Giuffré introduced Ms. Marie Watts as guest speaker. Her topic was "Nathaniel W. Faison, Texas Hero and Entrepreneur" and his house in La Grange. President Giuffré presented Ms. Watts with a commemorative coin in appreciation of her attendance and presentation.	Rick Giuffré	Closed

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3. Next Meeting and Guest Speakers		
Date	Time	Guest Speaker
01/18/2025	11:30 am	Gary Pinkerton, Updates on his newest literary works including <i>"Bridles and Biscuits: Contraband Culture in East Texas"</i> and updates on the Alliance for Texas History
01/27/2025	10:30 am	Lamar Day, Morton Cemetery, Richmond, Texas
02/15/2025	9:00 am 11:30 am	Katy ISD FFA Livestock Show & Rodeo Parade James Bernsen, <i>"The Lost War for Texas: Mexican Rebels, American Burrites, and the Texas Revolution of 1811"</i>
02/19/2025	2:00 pm	Anson Jones Ceremony, Glenwood Cemetery, Houston, Texas
03/01/2025	11:00 am	Lamar Flag Ceremony, Morton Cemetery, Richmond, Texas
03/02/2025	2:00 pm	SRT event, WOTB, Washington, Texas
03/06/2025	5:30 am	Dawn at The Alamo
03/28-29/2025	8:30 am	103 rd Annual SRT Meeting, College Station, Texas
04/05/2025	9:00 am	Katy ISD Folklife Festival
04/21/2025	11:00 am	San Jacinto Day Ceremony, San Jacinto Monument
04/24/2025	5:00 pm	Katy ISD NJROTC Change-of-Command Ceremony and scholarship presentation at Mayde Creek High School
05/17/2025	11:30 am	Scott McMahon, Presidio La Bahia History
06/21/2025	11:30 am	Sam W. Haynes, <i>"Unsettled Land: From Revolution to Republic, the Struggle for Texas"</i>
06/28/2025	8:30 am	SRT Quarterly Meeting, Nacogdoches, Texas
07/12/2025	6:35 pm	SRT Astros Game at Daikin Park Houston Astros vs Texas Rangers
07/19/2025	11:30 am	Marie W. Watts, "Nathaniel W. Faison, Texas Hero and Entrepreneur"
09/06/2025	8:30 m	SRT Quarterly Meeting, La Grange, Texas
09/20/2025	10:00 am	Texian Navy Day
10/18/2025	11:30 am	Charlie Gordy, "The Texian Army's Route to the Twin Sisters"
11/01/2025	All day	Father of Texas Celebration at San Felipe de Austin
11/15/2025	11:30 am	Trisha Pollard, "Sam Houston Trial Project"
12/06/2025	8:00 am 2:00 pm	SRT Quarterly Meeting, Victoria, Texas Presidio La Bahia Awards Ceremony, Goliad, Texas
12/13/2025	6:00 pm	Chapter Holiday Gathering

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