

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas

Cradle Committee

Minutes- July 16, 2015

Members Present: Linda Cooper, Chairman, Linda McBee, Dianne Reynolds, Joann Russell, Teddy St. Ama, Joanna Wilson, and Jimmie Bennett, guest. **Excused Members:** Gwen Lejsal, Lila Peterson, and Karen Robertson.

Following lunch at Salsa's Mexican Restaurant, the committee met at The Cradle for the third quarterly meeting. Chairman Linda Cooper called the meeting to order at 1 P. M. Teddy St. Ama led the pledges to the flags and also the Lord's Prayer. Jimmie Bennett, Cradle of Texas Chapter, was introduced as a proposed committee member, waiting BOM approval. Chairman Cooper announced that Diane Reynolds is the current Sidney Sherman Chapter President and that Gwen Lejsal is the Regent for the George Washington Chapter of DAR in Galveston.

Business: A trash tree in the backyard of The Cradle has grown out of control and should be removed to allow growth of a nearby oak tree. A motion was presented by Teddy St. Ama, with a second by Dianne Reynolds, that we remove the trash tree. **Motion adopted.** A new sprinkler system may have to be considered in the near future as the current one is wearing out and not covering sufficiently. Plumbago bushes will be planted on the little hill in the back corner of the yard. Mr. Williams is doing an excellent job with his yard services. He is to clean the porches to remove spring pollen stain. Chairman Cooper reported that 1st VP Dr. Edwards at the last convention had suggested that the committee have the Ballinger Mills's family's sterling silver place-setting be appraised. A discussion took place on the appraisal of the silver in the bank box in Texas First Bank in Galveston. Jimmie Bennett offered her help in securing an appraiser for the purpose and including some of the furnishings in the Cradle. The new chairs recently donated by Mrs. Ruth Murphy's family were already appraised at \$500. Cooper reported that Mrs. Murphy passed away in May before the convention. Joanna Wilson was asked by Mr. Tom Green, SRT, if the Sidney Sherman Chapter would once again help with a graveside ceremony for David G. Burnet and Sidney Sherman at Lakeview Cemetery in Galveston on October 22; a reception after the ceremony was held last year at The Cradle. A motion by Teddy, with a second by Joann, was made that the Cradle offer 2-3 Cradle tours that day in lieu of the reception. **Motion adopted.** It was agreed that more publicity and possibly inviting a couple of schools would increase the number of attendees.

The committee reviewed the financial reports which will be sent to the Treasurer General. It was noted that Gail L. Barnes donated \$1,000 in honor of her chapter Presidents of Texas Chapter with ten chapters contributing \$100 or more as donations or memorials for last year. Those chapters were Fort Settlement, \$164; Seth Hurin Bates, \$100; William Carroll Crawford, \$100; Peters Colony, \$100; James W. Brown, \$100; Palo Duro, \$146; Sidney Sherman, \$327; Baron de Bastrop, \$100; Miss Ima Hogg, \$150; Ferdinand Lindheimer, \$160. The committee appreciates all contributions.

Chairman Cooper read her "Annual Report" highlighting the many activities at the Cradle for 2014-15. She announced the dates of the upcoming quarterly meetings: October 15, January 14, and April 14. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P. M.

Joanna Wilson, Acting Secretary.

Linda Johnson Cooper, Chairman