**TEXAS YORK RITE ESOTERIC ASSOCIATION** 



**MINUTES** 

ANNUAL MEETING OF

OCTOBER 15, 2016

At Sascee's Restaurant Waco, Texas

Lunch was served at a Stated Annual Meeting of the Texas York Rite Esoteric Association, on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at noon.

21 people were in attendance – 18 dues paying members, and others submitted donations.

The Secretary **James Kirkpatrick** and Immediate Past President **Jackie Matthews** arrived 10 minutes late, due to delays in obtaining the dues cards from Office Depot. The delays were caused by **James Kirkpatrick** who wanted to finish the Mark Master's training (for some reason, James thought that the training was important), and thus, he arrived a little bit late at Office Depot. So the companions started lunch early. Peace and harmony prevailing --- since they got to eat on time.

The meeting was opened by President **Irvin "Buddy" Weiser**. Prayer was offered by Chaplain **Clarence Joy Laney** (Chaplain and Past President) The pledges to the US and Texas flags were led by **Irvin "Buddy" Weiser** (President).

**James Kirkpatrick** announced the minutes of the 2015 meeting, was posted on the website. Vice President **Chance Chapman** indicated he looked at the website earlier in the week and it was not there. **James** announced, that, indeed, **Chance** was correct, as the minutes were posted late last week when **James** said last week --- oops – I have not posted the minutes yet. I better get to it. **Chance** had opportunity to pull it up on the website before the motion.

**James** moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by **Jackie Matthews**. It was unanimously approved with laughter.

Treasurer **B. J. Young** announced that the balance is \$1136.70 (up from last year). **B. J.** moved the treasurer's report be adopted, **Tommy F. Chapman** seconded. Motion passed.

Jackie Matthews moved that we donate \$100 to the TMRC. Companion Owen West seconded it. It passed unanimously.

The elections were then conducted by Tommy F. Chapman for officers for 2017.

**Irvin "Buddy" Wiser** nominated **Chance Chapman** for President. No other nominations, he was elected by acclimation.

James Kirkpatrick nominated Zack Haston for Vice President. No other nominations, he was elected by acclimation.

**James Kirkpatrick** nominated **Hobie Henderson** to replace **James** for Secretary. No other nominations, he was elected by acclimation.

**B. J. Young** was, again, nominated for Treasurer. No other nominations, he was elected by acclimation.

The installation of officers was then conducted in due and ample form by Right Worshipful, Very Excellent and Very Illustrious **Tommy F. Chapman**. James held the book on **Tommy** and noted that he scored 1000 points on the ritual of installation. That is the kind of perfection we are seeking in our ritualistic work.

Dues collected were \$180 (from the members) plus \$140 in donations.

Additional donations were collected by **Hobie Henderson** at Grand Chapter/Council and those will be reflected in next year's report.

James Kirkpatrick immediately presented the dues cards to Hobie for distribution next year.

**Chance Chapman** thanked everyone. The schedule for next year's meeting is not decided yet, as a vote is pending at Grand Chapter/Grand Council to move the Grand Convocation and Grand Assembly. The tentative dates for the Grand Chapter/Council is Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The dates of the school are not set, therefore, the tentative date of the Texas York Rite Esoteric Association meeting is not able to be set yet at the time of these minutes.

Clarence Joy Laney offered a wonderful closing prayer.

The meeting was duly closed, in peace and harmony at 12:35 PM

We adjourned and returned for duty in the Grand Chapter / Grand Council Ritualistic Competition with "Opening Chapter with 5" at the School of Instruction held at Grand Lodge.

Signed,

James Kirkpatrick Secretary (Now retired in favor of Hobie Henderson for next year).