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# EAA Chapter 595 August 12th, 2023

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## Minutes / Meeting of EAA Chapter 595 Rio Grande Valley

January Announcements
Birthdays

**Anniversaries** 

February Announcements
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**Events** 

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am by President Byron Engle. The minutes were on the web page for all to read. The treasurer's report was given by Byron and there was a @20.00 deposit made and the chapter is solvent. There were 7 members present and they were:

President/Treasurer Byron Engle Secretary Art Chavarria

Eric Landry John Peacock Kelsey Charles Shirlene Jenkins Merle Jenkins

The committee report was postponed until all members of the committee are present.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Byron asked if there was any old business and some discussion was had about some of the past programs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Byron talked about the problems that the chapter has been having with membership attendance and told the members that the chapter is here for the membership, but must have active participation from the membership. Many members only attend for the entertainment value, but the chapter must have more active participation from its members. Byron said that the purpose of the chapter is education and that's part of the problem. We must have much more active participation from the membership to hold the chapter together, especially with regards to programs. Eric Landry volunteered to do a presentation at the next meeting in Edinburg by bringing his flight simulator for the membership to look at & maybe try. Everyone was in favor of this and are looking forward to the next program.

We have recruited many members, but attendance is still a problem. Without membership participation Byron said, the chapter has a good chance of dying like so many other chapters have done in the past. Byron said that he cannot keep the chapter going without the members participating and he said that everyone has a story that could be educational as well as entertaining, but if members just sit & wait to be entertained, the chapter has a very good chance of losing our charter. Much discussion came from Byron's presentation and several members seem to be interested in helping. Hopefully the future will have more participation and will continue to flourish. At this time, Byron called for a vote for dismissal at 12:10 and it was unanimous. The chapter voted on Los Asados Restaurant for lunch with 2 members not attending due to other commitments.