

Ladies Auxiliary
Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Friday, April 17, 2026
Austin, Texas

The meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was called to order by President Rowena Hayes. Present were Vice President Jean Kanter, Secretary Mary Beth Brunson, Historian Susan Byram, and Chaplain Rev. Dr. Marci Ponders. A list of additional members presents is attached. With 24 members present a quorum was established.

All 26 attendees were welcomed and special guests were introduced Wanda White, Robin Butler, Jane Cohen, Catherine Massey, Cynthia Oller and Marci Ponders Past First Ladies of Texas.

A prayer was said by Chaplain Rev. Dr. Marci Ponders.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag was said in unison. The Ladies Auxiliary Pledge was also said in unison.

The minutes of the October 17, 2025 meeting were approved as presented.

The new budget was presented by Treasurer Barbara Stevens and approved.

Our theme for the meeting was "Communication ". President Hayes introduced the speaker, CeCe Tillman Marino. She explained the nuances of using sign language and taught all how to sign the Pledge of Allegiance. The tables were appropriately decorated by Chairman Candy Rudy. Chairman Rudy also presented a beautifully decorated glass pumpkin to the speaker.

The report from President Hayes included mention in the National SAR Ladies Auxiliary Newsletter. She also showed the patriotic quilt made by Mary Beth Brunson. Tickets are now available and the drawing will be SAR Convention 2027 in Conroe.

In new business for SAR Congress to be held in 2029 in Austin, Texas. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help with Congress. Signup sheets are available now. Opportunities to help include hospitality room, decorations, flowers and ladies' events (field trip and tea). A beautiful star and bluebonnet pin/pendant, designed by Jean Kanter is now on sale. The pin will be offered for a donation of \$40 to help defray the costs of the hospitality room. We will begin selling these in July at the SAR Congress. Several members will have these available for purchase.

Also, in August 2026 the SAR South Central District meeting consisting of Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas (MOKAT) will be held in Richardson, Texas. This will be an opportunity to sell our pins.

President Hayes recognized Jean Kanter, Vice President, who does so much for our auxiliary including setting up the Sign-Up Genius. She truly “stirs us to good works”. Also thank you to Susan Byram for providing door prizes for the last two meetings. Eileen Walcik has graciously helped provide time and her talent for our craft projects.

There being no further business the Ladies Auxiliary Recessional was said in unison and the meeting adjourned.

Mary Beth Brunson
Secretary