

Ladies Auxiliary
Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Friday, March 27, 2025

The meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was called to order by President Meg Anderson at 9:02 a.m.

Officers Present: President Meg Anderson, Secretary Rowena Hayes, Treasurer Barbara Stevens, Chaplain Catherine Massey

Others Present: Mary Beth Brunson, Mindy Lovell, Linda Rose, Cynthia Goode, Gina Henderson, Jane W. Cohen, Robin Butler, Eileen Walcik, Jean Kanter, Candy Rudy, Catherine Massey, Suzy Zimmermann, Marilyn Loop, Susan Byram, Lea Humphreys, Wanda White

Chaplain Catherine Massey offered a prayer.

The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of American and the Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by President Meg Anderson. She also led the Ladies Auxiliary Pledge.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests:

- President Becky Osbourne, National Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Revolution
- State Regent, Susan Johnston, Daughters of the American Revolution
- First Lady, Mary Addington, National Sons of the American Revolution
- First Lady, Marci Pounder, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Past First Ladies: Wanda White, Robin Butler

Past First Ladies of Texas : Wanda White, Robin Butler, Catherine Massey, Jane Cohen, Barbara Stevens

Becky Osbourne shared that the Ladies Auxiliary had raised over \$117,000 for the new NSSAR Museum. Because the funds were over \$100,000 the NLASSAR was giving the honor to name one of the new museum exhibits. At the NSSAR Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY ladies of the auxiliary voted by ballot for their favorite display. The selected exhibit was "Colonies United". She was presented with a Texas Ladies Auxiliary Pin and a Life Membership.

Secretary Rowena Hayes introduced the guest speaker, Susan Johnston, State Regent, Daughters of the American Revolution. Her presentation included a timeline of events leading up to and through the American Revolution. She presented to Meg Anderson, as president, with a copy of Texas: Before the Lone Star, her State Regent's Project (2024-2027). She was presented with a patriotic red, white and blue custom-made art pumpkin by Candy Rudy. It was beautifully bejeweled with found, old rhinestones.

NSSAR First Lady Mary Addington briefly spoke about the NSSAR's project for the Education Center and Museum and a "thank you" for the funds raised by the NSSARLA.

The minutes of the previously meeting was posted on FaceBook. Hearing no corrections they were approved as posted.

A motion was made by Treasurer, Barbara Stevens, to accept the budget as presented. With no discussion or objection, the budget of \$400.00 for the year was accepted as presented. Barbara Stevens shared her report as now listed. Total operating fund \$3987.68. Lifetime/Multiyear Dues Fund: \$3580.00 Ending bank balance as of 10-23-24 is \$8,092.68. Membership numbers for 24-25 stand at 60 lifetime, 3 annual and 2 multiyear.

Outgoing President Meg Anderson presented each of her officers with a green plant in appreciation of their support during her four years as president. In coming officers were also given a green plant.

The Nominating Committee included Rowena Hayes, Jean Kanter, and Marci Pounders.

The slate of officers for the 2025-2027 term was presented by the Nominating Committee: President-Rowena Hayes, Vice-President-Jean Kanter, Treasurer-Barbara Stevens, Secretary-Mary Beth Brunson. There being no other nominees, the officers were elected by acclamation.

President Rowena assumed the chair and announced the appointments of Chaplain-Marcie Pounder, Historian-Susan Byram and Parliamentarian-Meg Anderson.

Newly elected President Hayes outline her years activities and goals. Included are the formation of several committees as listed below:

2025-207 Ladies Auxiliary Committees:

Hospitality: Candy Rudy, Chair and Mindy Lovell. The purpose of this committee is to provide décor in the hospitality room, along with facilitating the placement of games, puzzles if needed or desired. Optionally, this committee may organize snacks if allowed for the room, along with favors for our luncheon. The provision of snacks for the hospitality room is dependent upon the hotel allowance and donations received.

Bylaws: Jean Kanter, Chair and Margaret Anderson. The purpose of this committee is to review and suggest edits to our bylaws based on local chapter needs and/or changes to the National Bylaws.

Projects: Eileen Walcik. The purpose of this committee is to organize craft projects and service projects for the Ladies Auxiliary during the conference, securing donations and/or setting nominal charges for member participation.

Tours and Luncheons: The purpose of this committee is to research restaurants and tour availabilities around the State Conference. The information will be submitted to the President and Board for final approval.

Fundraisers were discussed. Mary Beth Brunson will make An Eagle Quilt to be raffled in 2027 at the State Convention. Raffle tickets will be created by Barbara Stevens. Plans are for a crazy quilt be made for the purpose of a live auction at the 2026 convention. Proceeds will go to the NSSAR Museum and Education Center.

President Rowena asked for any who were interested in joining a committee to let her know. She also showed the paper cockade to be made at the BOM meeting.

The Benediction was offered by Marci Pounder.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Brunson
Secretary