

National Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Revolution

Fall Leadership – General Membership Meeting FINAL DRAFT Rev.6/29/23

September 30, 2022

The General Membership Meeting of the NLSAR was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Pat Wilson-Perkins. Members were reminded to sign in on the attendance roster sheets that had been pre-distributed to each row. Chaplain Jacque Miller offered an invocation.

The pledge to the flag of the United States of America was led by First Vice-President Becky Osbourn. The pledge to the Ladies Auxiliary was led by Second Vice-President Diana Ungvarsky.

Pat Wilson-Perkins opened the meeting by introducing NLSAR dignitaries: Rita Pickette, wife of current PG Bruce Pickette; wives of current officers general Diane Ungvarsky, wife of Brooks Lyles, current Historian General; Cyndi Weissinger, wife of current Surgeon General Keith A. Weissinger MD; Linda Welkner, wife of current Chaplain General Rev. Dr. J. Vernon Welkner; Former First Ladies Sheila Manning, Nancy Alter and Billie Brock; and Patricia McLemore, wife of Charles H. McLemore, VPG of the South-Central District; Lynn Chamberlain, wife of Toby L. Chamberlain, VPG of the Great Lakes District, and Paula Rail, wife of Ellis C. Rail, VPG of the Intermountain District.

Then Pat introduced the new NLSAR board members and asked the state Ladies Auxiliary presidents and First Timers each to stand to be recognized as individual groups. Venie Hinson announced that the First Timers should gather for a group photo for the scrapbook immediately following the meeting... and promised them a sweet treat for doing so.

Becky Osbourn, First Vice President, introduced the program, *“Compatriot Posters: Have you ever wondered what our compatriots carry as part of their uniforms?”* The program was presented by five members of the Missouri Society SAR: Missouri state society president J. Michael Robertson and Russ DeVenney, Dan McMurray, James Osbourn and Stephen Sullins of the Missouri Society SAR.

Officer Reports (*Copies of most of these reports were distributed to attendee chairs prior to the meeting.*)

Minutes: Pat called for any additions or changes to the minutes as distributed. The motion to approve was entered by Brenda Jessel and seconded by Jerre Robertson.

Treasurer Cyndi Weissinger summarized the contents of the pre-distributed treasurer’s report. A highlight of the report was that the Auxiliary started the quarter with a balance of \$14,000, and even after donating \$10,000 of that amount to the SAR Education Center and Museum – thanks to very successful fundraising efforts including the clothing sale at the Savannah Congress – the Auxiliary’s current account balance [as of 9/30/2022] is \$13,000.

President’s Report: Pat’s stated that she’s been focusing on getting started and organizing her Presidential projects. Pat added that she has attended many SAR functions.

First Vice President Becky Osbourn thanked her predecessor, Linda Ashby, for the “wonderful inspiration” she’d provided that helped her get started. She also presented “a germ of an idea” for an effort in honor of the NLSAR’s 20th anniversary, to be unveiled at the Orlando Congress. She envisions a program that spotlights the activities of the individual state SAR Ladies Auxiliaries and captures the contributions of these ladies to the overall experience that is membership in SAR.

Second Vice President Linda Ungvarsky gave a shout-out to all the ladies who’d brought items to be raffled at the Savannah Congress. Then she summarized the many sources of funding she has been managing, and the relevant amounts generated by each, as noted in the Treasurer’s Report: \$1000 raised via the 50/50 raffles; \$700 in sales of

tickets for the Betsy Ross quilt created by Un Hui Fosdyck; \$500 from the Silent Auction; and Pin-Ribbon sales and other miscellaneous revenue...all of which adds up to more than \$8,000. She thanked everyone who helped stock and manage the clothing and accessories sale at Congress and reported that the few pieces that hadn't received bids have been donated to SAR for use in SAR's Education Outreach efforts. (Note added after the meeting: Education Outreach very much appreciated the colonial clothing donation and sent us a "thank you" note.)

Finally, Diane promoted the fund-raising auctions set up in this same meeting room and encouraged all to participate as soon as possible since the winning ticket numbers would be announced at the conclusion of the Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, October 1.

Third Vice President Becky Moyer thanked her predecessor, Nancy Alter for "showing her the ropes." Since Congress, Becky has updated a pamphlet that details the steps to setting up a state auxiliary. She enrolled a new national member and sold that person a membership pin. Becky personally created the sweet treats that each First-Timer will be receiving after posing for their group photo.

Chaplain Jacque Miller asked those present to let her know of anyone who needs a little encouragement so she can send a card to them.

Historian Venie Hinson showed off a scrapbook she'd prepared to summarize the 2021-22 NLASAR's program year. She asked members to send her pictures of their state Ladies Auxiliary activities (with the people in them identified) for the 2022-23 scrapbook. To further encourage members to send photos, she reminded them that each year's scrapbook is sent to the museum at the SAR Headquarters.

Parliamentarian Caroline Payne reported that she's joined the National Association of Parliamentarians and has familiarized herself with Roberts Rules of Order.

Old Business

Pat received a thank-you note from Don Shaw regarding the Auxiliary's \$10,000 donation to the SAR Education Center and Museum. *A copy of Mr. Shaw's letter is on page four of this document.*

Looking back at the Savannah Congress, Brenda Jessel recalled the goodies distributed to ladies who attended the Savannah Congress, and proudly pointed out that all of them were designed by members of the Georgia Ladies Auxiliary. In particular, she mentioned that there was space intentionally allowed at the top of the attendee bag for a personal monogram to be embroidered if one chose to do so.

For the upcoming Florida Congress, July 14-20, Billie Brock announced that she, personally, was creating and embroidering all of the bags that will be given to the ladies who attend. Trips will be available at the beginning and end of the Florida Congress. One of the trips will be to Cape Canaveral, the location of the last Naval battle of the American Revolution. Given the number of family attractions in the Orlando area, she encouraged members to bring their children or grandchildren with them to the meeting.

Keitha Callanan shared information about the Congress hotel, the Rosen Plaza located at 1000 International Drive in Orlando. She encouraged members to be proactive in making hotel reservations while rooms are still available in the SAR block – and supplied the hotel reservations number (1-800-627-8258) and the group number (NSSAR2023) to help them get that done. Keitha also generously supplied Paul Callanan's contact information in case anyone encountered problems in the reservation process. Paul's email is lrcmrsc@aol.com. His cell phone number is 704-756-0363. She noted that she and Paul are headed to Orlando in early October to firm up arrangements for several of the Congress events.

Keitha cautioned that there will be no SAR merchandise being sold at the Orlando Congress; sales of these items will be conducted online only.

New Business: Presidential Projects

NLASAR Website Refresh

Pat commented that the NLASAR website looks probably hasn't been updated since it was put up – leaving the impression that the NLASAR is “dull and uninviting.” She appealed to the group for help locating a person who could update and refresh the site – or to let her know of who knew someone who might be able to be talked into it. After an extended pause, James Osbourn, vice chair of web operations for SAR, stood up and offered to help refresh the current site.

Bylaws Update

Another one of Pat's Presidential projects is to update the NLASAR bylaws. Although some recent amendments have improved it a bit, Pat said that the document as a whole is definitely due for an overall review and update. For example, Pat attended a meeting earlier that day; in discussion it became clear that a couple of items in the current bylaws might put the NLASAR in direct violation of our relationship to the SAR itself. She asked for volunteers to take this on. Nancy Alter and Sheila Manning offered to help.

The 20th Anniversary of the Founding of the NLASAR

Pat is eager to promote the 20th Anniversary of the NLASAR's founding. At the Orlando Congress, the ladies auxiliaries of the individual states will be invited to participate in an event designed to showcase the specific ways that the state ladies auxiliaries' programs and projects are supporting SAR's mission. It is hoped that this effort will also reach the many ladies attending SAR events who may be completely unaware of the NLASAR or are do not know that their paid membership in a state's SAR ladies auxiliary automatically makes them members of NLASAR as well.

First Lady's Remarks

Rita Pickette, wife of PG Bruce Pickette, reminded all of the ladies' luncheon that would be taking place across the Ohio River in Jeffersonville, Indiana the following day, followed by a tour of the Howard Steamboat Museum. Advance registration is required; ladies who are registered should have received a green admission ticket in their registration packets. Ladies who are not registered, but interested in attending, were advised to promptly talk to Kelly Moore of the SAR staff.

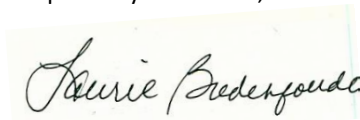
Pat reminded the members that the next NLASAR General Meeting will take place in March at the Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville.

Chaplain Jacque Miller concluded the meeting with a prayer.

Following recitation of the NLASAR Recessional, the meeting was officially adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Attendees were reminded to sign into the meeting on the clipboard that had been circulating the room. First Timers were once again reminded to join the group in the front of the room to pose for a group photo.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Bredenfoerder
NLASAR Secretary 2022-24



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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SAR National Ladies Auxiliary
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Dear SAR National Ladies Auxiliary,

On behalf of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution I would like to thank you for your donation of \$10,000.00 on July 13, 2022 to support the SAR Education Center and Museum.

It is compatriots like you who support the work of the SAR who help to ensure that we will be able to continue educating and informing the public about the ideals of the American Revolution for generations to come. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Don Shaw
Executive Director, NSSAR

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