

LADIES AUXILIARY, TXSSAR
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
PLANO, TEXAS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm Saturday, October 27, 2007, with President Marilyn Walker welcoming everyone to the meeting. Suzanne Fife led us in an opening prayer, and Treasurer Barbara Baker led us in the Ladies Auxiliary Pledge.

Dianne Jones, Secretary read the meeting minutes from the last BOM held Tapatio Springs Resort, Boerne, Texas on August 4, 2007. Corrections were made to the minutes to reflect that checks for dues should be made out to "LATXSSAR" and that the next BOM would be held in Plano-McKinney, hosted by the Plano-McKinney Chapters. Once revised, minutes will be sent to June Everheart, historian, at Everheart@suddenlink.net to be posted to the LATXSSAR website which can be found at:
<http://TXSSAR.ORG/LA>

Barbara Baker read the Treasurer's Report:
Balance on hand 8/1/2007 \$2,917.48
Receipts 195.00
Sub-Total: \$3,112.48
Disbursements – TXSSAR Patriot Fund, 8/4/07 \$500.00
Balance on hand 10/26/2007 \$2,612.48

Barbara Baker recommended that the middle February or first of March she and Marilyn send a letter that dues are due and payable by April 1st each year. The letter will be sent by email to everyone w/ email and those w/o will be mailed a letter. Barbara Baker shared with us how she takes applications each month to the SAR meetings and places an application in the hands of all the new members to provide to their wives so they can join LATXSSAR.

Judy West moved that an email/letter dues notice be sent in March stating that dues are due by April 1; 2nd by Connie Barker. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFICERS REPORTS -

Judy West – She has enjoyed visiting with people across the State and continues to focus on encouraging ladies to join LATXSSAR. She has been selling NLASSAR and LATXSSAR pins and thanked everyone for the opportunities afforded her as First Lady of Texas.

No further Officers Reports

OLD BUISNESS-

FUND RAISERS - Connie Barker, Chair

Connie discussed raising funds for two separate items: (1) National - The Center for Preservation of American Heritage in Louisville, Kentucky is seeking funds for tables to be used in the Center.

Each table costs \$1,500. LATXSSAR would like to donate funds for one of these tables. A plaque reflecting the donation from the LATXSSAR will be placed on the table.

(2) Local - LATXSSAR fund raiser to support Texas SAR efforts associated with winners of the poster contest, Eagle Scouts, Oration, etc.

Wanda White has inquired about gifts to The Center for Preservation of American Heritage in Louisville. She reported that all 48 of the chairs 2 of the 15 tables have been donated. The chairs/tables have not been selected as yet, so we are unable to provide a photo of the table at this time.

Suggestions to raise funds for these efforts were as follows:

(1)National - Funds for Center for Preservation of American Heritage Center in Louisville – This will be a straight donation effort – Ladies of each chapter will solicit donations or have some

sort of fund raiser within their chapter to support the LATXSSAR effort with donations. Donations to be acknowledged to individuals/chapters by a certificate as follows: \$25 Bronze; \$50 Silver; \$100 Gold; \$200 Platinum. Chapters/Individual names will be acknowledged on TXSSAR website. A deadline of January 2008 was suggested so we can announce the project at State Convention.

(2)State fund raisers –

(a) Pockets to be sewn and sold to those who don't sew. No discussion on this – it will not be pursued further at this time.

(b) Men's Hat box – Connie Barker showed a prototype.

Construction would be either a cardboard box or plastic box covered w/ felt for Tricorn hats. There will be space in the box to hold other items used by the men such as gloves, socks, neck lace, etc. If we agree to go with this recommendation we will have a work day at BOM(s) to stencil the boxes. Additional questions/suggestions surfaced during discussion about making a wig box, using a clear plastic blanket holder instead of an actual hat box, using a Rubbermaid container that has the same sizes as a box that we could just decorate and use for a hat box.

(c) Decal – NLASSAR to sell nationwide – this would need approval from NLASSAR and also consider one just for Texas – consider marketability – after discussion the consensus was it may be best to just focus on TX related decals so we don't encroach on NLASSAR's territory.

(d) Opportunity Tickets - to sell opportunity tickets for \$2 each or 3/\$5 for counted cross stitch patriotic pillows made by Ann Mitchell (Piney Woods Chapter) & Barbara Stevens (Piney Woods Chapter). Opportunity tickets to be sold for one year – starting with State Convention in March. In addition, June Everheart has agreed to make a quilt top and Marilyn Walker, Wanda White and other ladies of the Collin County Ladies Auxiliary will quilt it with opportunity tickets to be sold on it also.

Barbara Stevens moved that LATXSSAR promote purchase of a table for the Center to cost approx \$1500 by solicitation from chapters and individuals in the LATXSSAR with recognition at levels \$25-Bronze, \$50-Silver, \$100-Gold, \$200-Platinum – Pledges will be accepted until end of January 2008, certificates will be provided to individuals/chapters making donations in the amounts above. Motion amended to change from January to March 2008 with target pledges to be received by end of February 2008.

Discussion – Problem that LATXSSAR does not meet in every SAR Chapter. Suzanne Fife suggested we have a tealess tea and send out a tea bag to everyone asking them to donate. Henrietta Slagle stated further we need to consider that not every chapter has type of meeting some chapters hold - wives do not go to meetings that men have in all of the chapters across the State, women complain they do not know what is going on in LATXSSAR. Further discussion – We have 90 active ladies within the chapters – will we get \$1,500 from those 90 ladies – it would be difficult. Discussion held, addressing this as a one-time fund raiser to discuss with the men and ask for donations from them as well as ladies

Barbara Stevens amended the original motion to change the target date to read initial pledge drive to be completed 2/08 with an extension until \$1,500 is raised. Judy West seconded the amended motion. There was no further discussion. Vote held and motion carried by voice vote. Suzanne Fife requested a hand vote – hands raised, counted and motion carried.

Items 2(b) & 2(c) - Barbara Baker moved that we delay the decision on the hat boxes and decals until the State meeting to allow for further work on the prototype for the men's hat box and gather of cost data. Mary Lynn Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Item 2(d) – Opportunity Tickets - Pillows and Quilt – one year promotion to sell opportunities for \$2 each or 3/\$5 for pillows to be made and quilt to be made. Separate tickets to be sold for each – separate colors – Quilt will be a queen size – theme will be decided by those making it. Linda Edwards will provide tickets at the next meeting to be used for these efforts. Both items were approved.

NEW BUSINESS –

Minutes from each meeting will be posted to the website so everyone may read them prior to the next scheduled meeting. Submit any changes to Secretary, Dianne Jones, at dnoodle1@verizon.net to be approved at our next meeting.

Hospitality – Thanks was extended to Wanda White and the ladies from the Collin County SAR Ladies Auxiliary (Plano-McKinney Chapters) for the wonderful goodies and great hospitality provided this weekend. We all had a great time at the Southfork Tour. The room will be open 9 am -11 am Sunday.

The next meeting will be the State Convention to be held March 27-30, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Arlington. Our hostesses will be the Fort Worth Chapter. We look forward to seeing each of you there. Stayed tuned for what is taking place during the Convention.

Suzanne Fife led the closing prayer, and Connie Barker led us in our recessional.

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