

Ladies Auxiliary
Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution
Saturday, October 17, 2025
Sugarland, Texas

The meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was called to order by President Rowena Hayes. Officers present were Rowena Hayes-President, Jean Kanter-Vice President, Barbara Stevens-Treasurer/Registrar, Mary Beth Brunson-Secretary, Marci Pounders-Chaplain, Susan Byram-Historian
Also attending were: Candy Rudy, Blanche DeLeon , Cynthia Weissinger, Dianne Hanegan, Eileen Walcik, Shonda Brunson, Susan Bynam, Catherine Massey,
Grace Neal, Meg Anderson, Robin Butler, Cynthia Goode, Jane Cohen Suzy Zimmerman, Wanda White, Mickey Joe Lawrence, Carol Radcliff, Mary Clare Beard, and Deb Hulse. A quorum was established.

A prayer was said by Chaplain Marci Pounders.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America Flag and the Pledge to the Texas Flag were said in unison.

The Ladies Auxiliary Pledge was said in unison.

The President welcomed all present and introduced special guests:
First Ladies-Wanda White, Robin Butler, Mickey Jo Lawrence,
First Ladies of Texas-Wanda White, Mickey Jo Lawrence, Jane Cohen, Barbara Stevens, Carol Radcliff, Mary Clare Beard, Catherine Massey, Marci Pounders
National Officer Wife: Cynthia Weissinger from Washington,
Debbie Hulse from Kansas (Husband running for Genealogist General)

Rowena Hayes, President presented socks to all the officers in thanks for their work in the Auxiliary

Jean Kanter offered the purchase of name tags for the auxiliary and showed an example.

Catherine Massey questioned if the quorum requirement for meetings was in the bylaws. That will be investigated and reported back to the members.

The guest speaker was Dr. Diane Severance, Director of Dunham Bible Museum. Her program was titled "The Bible and the American Revolution". She shared information about many of the related items held in the collection. Candy Rudy, Hospitality Chair, presented her with a specially made pumpkin.

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution President Mel Oller presented Certificates of Appreciation from the Texas Society SAR to Susan Byram, Eileen Walcik, Candy Rudy, and Jean Kanter for their support of the BOM meeting.

Past President, Meg Anderson, who served for two terms was presented with her Past President Pin and thanked for her service to the Auxiliary.

Officer reports were given by President, Rowena Hayes and Vice President, Jean Kanter. Treasurer/Registrar Barbara Stevens report we have a bank balance as of March 26, 2025 of \$9,102.68. Membership count for 2025-2026 is 66 lifetime, 6 annual, and 1 multiyear. She also mentioned she had national and state auxiliary pins for sale. Secretary, Mary Beth Brunson presented the minutes for the March 27, 2025 meeting. They were approved as presented. Chaplain Marci Pounders presented her report.

The Executive Board recommends the adoption of the bylaw changed as presented. All items were adopted. With the adoption of these changes, we will need to change Article 11 to remove "relatives of the members" to match our newly changed bylaws. A notice of this proposed change will be sent out now and in 30 days we will vote electronically on this changed. Jean Kanter presented the recommendation and provided the rationale for the changes.

Fund raising projects were discussed. A possible live auction to be held at the State Convention in 2026 for 3 penny quilts. Mary Beth Brunson has donated a quilt for the fundraiser. The winning ticket will be drawn at the State Convention in 2027. Tickets will be available for sale now. Funds will be used to purchase another item for the SAR Museum in Louisville, Kentucky.

A reminder that the SAR State Convention is April 16-19, 2026, in Austin. We will have an opportunity to hand out programs for the ceremony at the Texas State Cemetery on Saturday morning. At the evening banquet, we will host a photo booth for all attendees.

A multitude of door prizes were given out to end the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Brunson, Secretary

(After meeting notes: Eileen Walcik and Rowena Hayes lead a craft time project. We painted blue bonnets on tiles. Most of the members from the meeting stayed for this fun project. Before the meeting 19 of the new name badges were purchased.