

National Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Revolution

Fall Leadership – Executive Board Meeting V2 6-29-23

September 30, 2022

The meeting of the NLASAR BOARD was called to order at 8:01 A.M. by President Pat Wilson-Perkins. A quorum was established. Chaplain Jacque Miller offered an invocation. She also asked those present to observe a minute of silence for the several members of SAR who were recently deceased.

Secretary Laurie Bredenfoerder referenced the minutes written by Caroline Payne, taken during the board meeting convened July 12, 2022, during the Savannah SAR Congress and recently distributed via email to all members. They were approved as received on a motion by Becky Moyer and a second from Venie Hinson.

Cyndi Weissinger, treasurer, referenced the report she'd sent out via email in advance of the meeting. The beginning balance was \$ 14,553.12, receipts were \$ 8,460.00, and two disbursements being \$4.70 for Postage, and a \$10,000 donation made to the National SAR Education Center and Museum and an ending balance (as of September 30, 2022) of \$13,008.42. She summarized by stating that the NLASSAR is in *very good* shape financially. The financial report was approved on a motion by Diane Ungvarsky and seconded by Becky Moyer. The treasurer's report was filed as submitted and a copy is attached to these minutes. A copy of the thank-you letter the Auxiliary received for the donation to the Education Center and Museum, from SAR Executive Director Don Shaw, is also attached.

President Pat Wilson-Perkins reported on her work establishing long- and short-term goals for the board of directors for the next two years. They include updating and expanding the NLASAR website; updating and improving the text of the bylaws; refreshing board-member job descriptions – including the addition of formal job descriptions for the chaplain, historian, and parliamentarian; and establishing contact with Compatriot John O. Thornhill, the NSSAR-NLASSR Liaison Committee Chair.

First Vice President Becky Osbourn has begun planning the program for the 2023 Spring Leadership meeting. She is working with the Headquarters staff and Pat Wilson-Perkins to ensure information about this program is available on the website and to ensure a flyer about the program is inserted in attendee packets at Spring Leadership.

Second Vice President Diane Ungvarsky coordinated an ambitious – and highly successful – series of fundraising activities at the 2022 NSSAR Congress in Savannah that produced nearly \$9,000 in proceeds to the Auxiliary.

Third Vice President Becky Moyer has been actively supporting ladies in three states who are considering organizing state-level ladies auxiliaries. She has also been actively supporting the needs of new NLASAR members.

Chaplain Jacque Miller has been reaching out by sending cards to members who need a little encouragement. She specifically asked all present to aid her in this effort by letting her know about Ladies Auxiliary members who might need some of that same encouragement, to ensure that no one is overlooked.

Historian Venie Hinson encouraged members to submit pictures of activities and articles for inclusion in the scrapbook.

Old Business

Clothing Rack: Pat announced that the clothing rack that Billie Brock generously gifted to the Auxiliary is now customized per our request. Billie has promised Pat that Sam Powell will bring it to the Florida Congress. In the future, Billie has agreed to bring the clothing rack along if she and her husband will be driving to the meeting location; otherwise, the Auxiliary will need to coordinate transport of the rack with SAR Headquarters staff. There will be more clothing to sell at the upcoming (Florida) Congress.

Imprinted Shirt Sales: Updating the discussion that began at the last board meeting, Pat related that Mary Addington has spoken to Sonia Mallar about discontinuing NLASAR-imprinted shirt sales. Mary shared with Sonia that the Board decided that the considerable effort Sonia was putting into producing shirts to order was producing relatively little financial benefit to the Auxiliary, so it seemed unnecessary.

New Business

Bylaws Review

Pat anticipates two distinct tasks will spin out of the upcoming review of the NLASAR bylaws:

Revision and Expansion of Elected-Officer Role Descriptions

Pat asked elected officers on the board to let her know if they notice tasks naturally required by their positions, that are not included in the current “job” description of that board position. Pat assured all that the NLASAR is a living organization, so it’s logical that position descriptions will need to be updated occasionally.

Write New Role Descriptions for Appointed Positions

The current NLASAR bylaws do not include role descriptions for the appointed positions, Chaplain, Historian, and Parliamentarian.

Pat will establish a bylaws-review committee; a job description will be written for its members*.

Venie mentioned that she has a few dozen photos from the 2022 Savannah Congress that she would like to share with the Auxiliary’s webmaster.

Venie also suggested that *if* the Auxiliary’s designated liaison with the NSSAR is not already a member of the NLASAR board, that she should be made an ad hoc member of the board.

NLASAR Website

Cyndi Weissinger suggested that the NLASAR webmaster position be added to the list of appointed board positions; those present agreed that this was a good idea.

Jacque asked about the purpose/goal/objectives of the NLASAR website. Pat advised her that the *purpose* of the NLASAR website was having the potential for very useful information available there, however, most of the information is old or outdated, and in general, the site is long overdue for a thorough rework. Pat advised that the site “isn’t intuitive.”

Pat is looking for a webmaster to take on this task; she plans to mention this at the upcoming general meeting in hopes that someone suggests a new webmaster. She plans to establish a website committee which will be tasked with making the NLASAR website more modern. In the interim, she asked all to send her comments and suggestions for website improvement that she can pass along to the webmaster-to-be.

First Timer Group Photograph

Becky Moyer stated that, as 3rd Vice President, she is a member of the First-Timer Welcoming Committee. She reminded all present that the First Timers will need to be reminded to gather for a group photo at the conclusion of the general-membership meeting. According to a list that Pat has, there are six First Timers attending this Leadership Meeting.

Business-Status Update: Cyndi Weissinger

Cyndi discovered that the NLASAR was not incorporated in Kentucky, but she recently completed this simple and inexpensive (\$40) process. As part of the process, she needed to have a certification that the NLASAR is a non-profit organization. Caroline Payne asked about the factors spurring the Auxiliary's need to incorporate. Cyndi explained that the NLASAR would not have been able to open a bank account without its own EIN and a letter stating that we are no longer a subsidiary of the SAR.

Cyndi has opened a bank account in the Auxiliary's name at Chase Bank. This bank was chosen because it has a branch in all of the 50 US states and because it offers online transactions including online acceptance of photographs of checks for dues or other payments being made to the Auxiliary. The (paper) checks on this new account are ready now; she plans to pick them up after this meeting.

Pat congratulated Cyndi for "jumping through hoops" that were required to get the recent banking improvements made. As a result, transferring funds will be so much easier.

Cyndi is also looking into getting "Square" so the Auxiliary can accept credit card payments. Square charges a fee per transaction that decreases as the number of transactions increases. Becky Moyer's home chapter already uses Square; they pay 2.9 percent plus a 20-cent swipe fee per transaction. Pat suggested that we might offer Square as a convenience and add the anticipated fee to the cost of the purchase.

NLASAR Nametags and Apparel

Becky Osbourn said that she was interested in getting a nametag and/or apparel bearing the NLASAR logo but was unable to locate a source. Pat commented that the only version of the NLASAR logo she'd been able to locate was of very poor quality so it would need to be cleaned up if we decided to take this on.

Becky Moyer was able to get a nametag with the NLASAR logo on it during a recent visit to SAR Headquarters; Daniel from the SAR Headquarters "printed" it out for her. As such, she suggested Pat check with him about a clean original of the logo. It was also suggested that Sonia Mallar might have art or an image that we could use. Pat agreed to follow up on these leads.

NLASAR Newsletter?

Pat asked about interest in the Auxiliary publishing a newsletter; the group agreed that it would be a good addition to the website, once the website has been updated.

Upcoming NLASAR 20th Anniversary

Pat acknowledged that many Ladies Auxiliaries were established within state SAR societies prior to the establishment of the NLASAR; nevertheless, the National Ladies Auxiliary is coming up on its own 20th - an important milestone anniversary. Pat asked for suggestions of ways this anniversary could be celebrated at the national level.

As one of her initiatives as First Vice President, Becky Osbourn plans to feature the state auxiliaries as the speakers at the upcoming 2023 Orlando Congress. Currently, she's working with the NLASAR's Congress contact to set up a poster display and/or a "slide show" of state chapter activities. The overarching goal of this effort would be to give the state auxiliaries national exposure. Alternatively, Becky described a discussion where state officers could showcase their activities and/or answer questions from attendees who may be in the process - or considering - setting up ladies auxiliaries in their states. Diane suggested that this idea be presented to the general membership to gauge their interest and gather feedback about these ideas with the goal of getting this proposal more tightly organized at the February Leadership meeting.

It was suggested that a NLASAR 20th Anniversary souvenir be given to ladies attending the 2023 Congress. In addition, a NLASAR welcome table could be set up in the lobby of the Orlando hotel where members could connect with ladies who may not know about the Auxiliary.

Attendees liked the idea of a NLASAR-staffed table in the Congress hotel's lobby. This effort would amplify current efforts to connect with first-time attendees. Currently, new members receive a personalized, "snail-mailed" newcomer's welcome letter. Additionally, the Auxiliary normally has a flier in the meeting registration packet that describes the program for the Auxiliary's general-membership meeting. It was suggested that that future program-promotional fliers (1) emphasize that ladies do not need to be members of the NLASAR to attend the general meeting, and (2) promote the fact that members of a state's Ladies Auxiliary are automatically *also* members of the NLASAR.

Sewing Project Seeks Volunteer

Pat asked for a volunteer to take on the task of increasing the Auxiliary's inventory of blue pin ribbons that are sold to members as an ongoing fund-raiser. Sixteen of these ribbons were sold at the Savannah Congress. Venie Hinson volunteered to produce a supply and bring them to February Leadership.

Two Volunteers Seek Assignments

Pat announced that two NLASAR members have volunteered to take on any initiatives that may emerge during the program year. *Barbara Ohanesian* would be a "bylaws-type person," because she's skilled in legal and operational issues; *Brenda Jessel* is currently the DAR national committee chair for the new DAR/SAR Relations Committee.

The next meeting of the board will take place at the Brown Hotel in Louisville during the February/Spring Leadership. Pat reminded all to bring an item for the drawing that will be conducted at the meeting.

Chaplain Jacque Miller offered a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

**National Ladies Auxiliary
of the
Sons of the American Revolution**

**Treasurers Report
Fall Leadership Conference**

30 September 2022

Beginning Balance:			\$14,553.12
Income:			
Congress			
	Wednesday: 50/50 Raffle	\$345.00	
	Thursday: 50/50 Raffle	\$665.00	
	Silent Auction	\$5,365.00	
	Betsy Ross Quilt (Un Hui)	\$755.00	
	Auxiliary Ribbons Sales	\$160.00	
	Donations	\$950.00	
Dues			
	Congress, Savannah	\$205.00	
	September	\$5.00	
Pins		\$10.00	
	Total Income:		\$8,460.00
Expenses:			
Congress			
	Postage	(\$4.70)	
	Donation to the SAR	(\$10,000.00)	
	Total Expenses:		(\$10,004.70)
Ending Balance:			\$13,008.42



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

INSTITUTED JULY 4, 1876

ORGANIZED APRIL 30, 1889

July 21, 2022

SAR National Ladies Auxiliary
Mary Addington
204 Don Carson Road
Telford, TN 37690

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Don Shaw'.

Don Shaw
Executive Director, NSSAR

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