



Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter, NSDAR  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter was called to order by Regent Jill Templeton, at 2:00 pm, on December 15, 2019, at the Old Exchange Building, in Charleston, SC.

Regent Templeton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order after Beth Lee, Membership Chair, stated that there was a quorum present.

Chaplain Brenda Burch gave the invocation and Second Vice Regent, Laura Jenkins Thompson led Opening Exercises.

Our Registrar, Ivy Blake introduced Prospective Members: Wendy Wellin and Sherry Ray. There were no Guests in attendance.

Regent Templeton then asked all members and guests who have served or are currently serving in military service to please stand and be recognized and join her in thanking them for their service, and as they remain standing, she asked all members and guests who have family members who have served in the past or are currently serving, to please stand and be thanked for their service as well.

First Vice Regent, Tracy Kral, as well as our scheduled guest speaker, Kristen Henry from Tamasee DAR School, could not attend our meeting today. However, Mari Noorai was present for our Meeting and presented a most informative program on Tamasee featuring its history and beginnings along with tracking its growth and programs since its inception in 1916 when the land was obtained. This is its 100<sup>th</sup> year and was for girls only originally. In 1930, boys were accepted. Tenant farmers helped build the school even during World War I when men and materials were in short supply. Tamasee is a foster care program that works in association with DSS. Although the school was primarily for children in Oconee County, Tamasee was expanded to accept children from other counties as well. The daycare is the only one in Oconee County. It now has an Academy for grades 6-8 and there is a middle school for extra activities. It now has a high school as well. There are non-residents of Tamasee that also attend the high school which is expanding to help children enter into the work force through offering them a chance to learn a trade. Tamasee has a thrift store where donated clothing, house decorations, etc. can be sold

for support of the school. The school is also working on establishing Student Councils and Art Contests. Mari also passed around a book on Tamassee featuring its 100 years of care.

The Program concluded.

Regent Templeton then commenced with the business portion of the meeting and invited our guests to remain if they would like and directed members to please visit the President Generals message at [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

National Defense Report was given by Beth Lee. It was from National Defender NSDAR for November-December 2019, entitled *Observances*. The article named the observances regarding military history we celebrate in the month of December: December 7, Pearl Harbor Day when Japan attacked our naval base in Hawaii leading to our entry into World War II. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, the National Guard, our nation's oldest military organization celebrates its birthday, although the name was not official until 1933. National Wreaths Across America just took place this past week and our chapter participated with member Nancy Platt, Chair of Communities in the Classroom, and our Service to Veterans Committee. The first 10 amendments of our Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, were passed by Congress on this very day in 1789. Lastly, on December 28<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the writing of the Pledge of Allegiance by Francis Bellamy who wrote the pledge in 1892 to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. There have been very minor changes to the original text, the last being in 1954 when Congress added "under God."

Indian Minute: American Indians Chair, Paula Hart presented information on the Catawba Indians who actually fought against us in the Revolutionary War. The British paid them 10 shillings/day. They were paid to be scouts and spy on us. The Catawba left South Carolina for North Carolina for a short time but eventually returned.

Conservation Minute: Regent Templeton shared that the Committee has posted patterns for reusable plastic bags to the Committee Corner on the Members Site.

Approval of Minutes by Leslie Harrelson, Recording Secretary: Regent Templeton asked if there are corrections to the Minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting that were sent electronically for Chapter approval. Hearing none, the Minutes are approved as filed.

### **Reports from Officers:**

Brandi Rutledge, Treasurer: Brandi Rutledge was unable to be with us at the meeting today, so her Treasurer Report will be sent out electronically and also posted to the ELP members-only website.

At this time, Regent Templeton asked our Finance Committee Chair, Melissa Levesque, to come forward so that we can open discussion regarding the proposed 2020 Chapter

Budget. Copies of our 2019 Budget and the Proposed Chapter Budget for 2020 were distributed. The 2020 Proposed Chapter Budget was much like our Chapter Budget of 2019 with fluctuations as can be expected when new members join. A brief discussion regarding the Magazine Ad (Annual) ensued to be continued in January with Nancy D., Melissa, Jill and Brandi. The proposed budget came from the Executive Committee as a recommendation. Melissa Levesque proposed that the budget be adopted. Templeton called for a vote and the budget was passed unanimously.

#### Reports of Chapter Service Committees:

American Heritage: Laura Jenkins Thompson – Laura handed out the SCDAR American Heritage 2019-2020 information sheet as to the objectives of the DAR Committee through the medium of Cultural Arts. The goals aim “to aid and encourage the preservation of our rich American Heritage in the fields of arts, crafts, drama, literature, and music”. The five main areas of Art & Sculpture, Crafts, Fiber Arts, Literature & Drama and Music have 38 sub-categories. In each category there are first, second and third place National Winners. South Carolina has a history of good participation with many National winners (including our Chapter). The theme this year is *Rise, and Shine Your Light On the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment*. For more information, please contact Laura by email ([ljt.dar@gmail.com](mailto:ljt.dar@gmail.com)) or phone/text (843-906-1043). Any other questions, please contact SCDAR American Heritage State Chair, our Chapter Member and Past Regent Karen McCay by email ([kkmccay@gmail.com](mailto:kkmccay@gmail.com)) or phone/text (843-860-1297). Please note the deadlines for all submissions is January 15, 2020 EXCEPT Fiber Arts which must be postmarked by February 15, 2020. Please visit the Website.

Regent Templeton reported that she attended the Victory Day Celebration here in Charleston on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> with several Chapter members, including those of the Service to Veterans Committee. This was also the date of the death of George Washington at Mount Vernon whose last words were “Tis Well”.

Historic Preservation: Committee Chair Andrea Ulmer was not present but Regent Templeton reported that she had been informed that the Eliza Luas Pinckney Home Marker will be set back from East Bay Street. Update: Andrea reported that the design for the Pinckney Home Marker has been approved and we are now awaiting the decision on exactly where to place the marker.

DAR Schools: Tracy Kral (unable to attend).

Service to America: Nancy Davidonis – Nancy said 350 hours were posted for October and 275 hours were posted for November. She also reminded all chapter members that she will post your service hours for you, if needed. Regent Templeton also mentioned that we are going to have a social for new members to learn about Committees and how to use/navigate the Member websites, etc.

Regent Templeton introduced a few new Committee Chairs and asked they each stand as name is called:

Ashton Hooker – Junior Committee Co-Chair

Michelle Ballard - Literacy Committee

Deborah Getter – Patriot Records Project

Good Citizens Chair – Bonnie Boehme

Regent Templeton encouraged members who are new to our Chapter that our Committees are a great way to get involved and get to know one another. She asked that new members feel free to reach out to her if they have questions or to go to the Members Only website and check a copy of the Committees Interest form on the Committee Corner Link provided there. Regent Templeton reminded all Committee Chairs that the CMR is quickly approaching and to look for information that will be emailed to each of you soon.

Hostess Committee – Mary Lucas needs hostesses to sign up before leaving today.

Regent Templeton asked if anyone was familiar with Sign-Up Genius program who would be willing to help Mary Lucas create a sheet for our Hostess Committee. Kayann Januchowski volunteered to create the sign up sheet.

It was announced that a reception honoring chapter member, Marjorie Manigault, would be held on December 27 at Middleton Plantation.

Unfinished Business: Regent Templeton reminded anyone with Yearbook updates as well as new addresses to contact Laura Thompson and send in their photos, as well.

#### New Business

Regent Templeton reported that our Executive Board will be meeting in January to discuss some updates to the chapter by-laws and to discuss plans for 2020!

Our next Chapter Meeting will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker, Bonnie Wade Mucia, who will speak about the 400<sup>th</sup> Mayflower Anniversary.

Recognition of Hostesses: Regent Templeton recognized our hostesses: Paula Hart, Melissa Levesque, Paula Newsome, Lane Becken, and Sue Hanshaw.

Sunshine Report and Benediction: Brenda Burch, Chaplain, shared that member, Brooke Niznik, had passed away.

Adjournment: Regent Templeton adjourned the meeting at 3:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Harrelson, Recording Secretary