

Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter, NSDAR  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter was called to order by Regent Jill Templeton, at 2:30 pm, on May 17, 2020, via a Virtual ZOOM Meeting link invitation to all Chapter Members from Regent Jill Templeton.

Regent Templeton welcomed everyone and hoped everyone was well and taking appropriate precautions concerning the pandemic. It is because of these precautions that she/we was/were hosting our first virtual Chapter Meeting (via ZOOM) of the Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter. Regent Templeton then called the meeting to order after Beth Lee, Membership Chair, stated that there was a quorum present. We had 33 Chapter Members join us.

Corresponding Secretary Claudia Farmer gave the invocation. For the sake of time today, our Opening Exercises only included the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Tracy Kral, First Vice Regent.

Regent Templeton then began the Business portion of our Meeting and directed members to please visit the President Generals message at [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

Regent Templeton then announced that our yearly Officer and Committee Chair Reports, which would have been presented at our April 2020 Meeting, are being posted to the Members Only website this week.

Regent Templeton was pleased to announce that our DAR Good Citizens Chair, Bonnie Bohme, had done an outstanding job! Alice Austin Givens, who goes by Austin and is a student at Ashley Hall, is the Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter Good

Citizens Award winner! She will be presented with a pin and certificate at a later date after the pandemic.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes were shared electronically on May 16, 2020, and as noted, an electronic vote for Approval has been requested for Monday, May 18, 2020.

**Treasurer Report:** The March 2020 Treasurer Report has been posted to the Members Only website and sent along with the April 2020 Treasurer Report electronically this week for Approval. Please direct any questions to Chapter Treasurer, Brandi Rutledge.

**New Business:** Before moving forward, Regent Templeton thanked all Chapter Members, especially our Executive Board, Committee Chairs and members and Honorary Regents. This past year required us to readjust often between Hurricane Dorian and the pandemic. Jill stated that our Chapter Members have all stepped up to the plate and gone above and beyond.

Our Executive Board has met twice in the past 2 months to discuss Chapter plans. We moved to support the President General Project through an increase in dues. This will also support the hosting of the President General here in Charleston in the Spring of 2021.

Congratulations were in order for our Members and Chapter DAR Magazine Chair, Claudia Farmer, as the Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter received Bronze Level status for subscriptions to *American Spirit*. Regent Templeton encouraged the Chapter to help us move to Gold Level next year by subscribing, if all Members have not yet done so. Please contact Claudia Farmer for more information.

Regent Templeton stated that even though Spring Conference for this year had to be cancelled, our Chapter had already received several certificates which were to be presented there. Congratulations and many thanks to Chapter Registrar

and Lineage Research Committee Chair, Ivy Blake, who received an award for Excellence in Lineage Research, First Place: Outstanding Programs About Women: Finding Our Female Patriots and Second Place: Outstanding Use of Publicity: Finding Our Female Patriots Facebook Page.

Regent Templeton then announced that the 2020 NSDAR Continental Congress will be held virtually from June 24-June 28, 2020. Information on how to participate will be shared electronically this week. She also strongly suggested that Chapter Members follow the President General Blog which is updated often and a great deal of information on Continental Congress is shared at this site.

Jill also mentioned that the National Society has also announced a new Legacy status which will be shared in the Chapter Newsletter. Please contact Claudia Farmer for further information.

At this time, Regent Templeton shared with the Chapter that Tracy Kral, who has served our Chapter so well over the past three years as the immediate past Chapter Registrar and current Chapter First Vice Regent, has chosen to step down from her position. Regent Templeton thanked her for her dedication, noting that she has contributed much to make Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter what it is today, including bringing many of our newest Members into the Chapter. Tracy will stay on the Lineage Research Committee while spending more time with her family. We all joined together to thank Tracy for her service!

Regent Templeton stated that according to our Chapter By-Laws, our new First Vice-Regent shall be appointed by the Regent. Jill then announced that Laura Jenkins Thompson has graciously agreed to serve as our new First Vice Regent. Laura has served as an integral part of the Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter including creating a scarf based on one of the gowns worn by Eliza which helped raise funds for our Pinckney Project for the Conservation of the Charleston Museum

Eliza Lucas Pinckney 18<sup>th</sup> Century Sack Back Gown. Laura has also served as the Second Vice Regent producing our Chapter Yearbook, as well as serving as our current By-Laws Chairman. The Chapter joined Regent Templeton in congratulating Laura and welcoming her to this position!

Regent Templeton then recognized a few of our members who have gone above and beyond to help others during the pandemic and their contributions are many and varied:

Our chapter mask makers (Jill Templeton, Tracy Kral, Deedie Harrington, **NEED ALL NAMES?**) have made over 800 masks which have been distributed locally and across the country.

Honorary Chapter Regent Karen McCay and her husband Gordon have purchased and taken pizza to their local EMTs and fire department each week since this all started.

Nadre Wilkie, who normally helps transport rescue dogs, has fostered a sweet pup named Oscar for the past six weeks, as rescue groups have had to readjust their normal mode of apparatus.

As always, our Service to Veterans Committee stepped up to assist the veterans at Ralph Johnson VA Hospital by donating food for the pantry and providing masks.

We also have our members who have assisted through their careers:

Sue Hanshaw served as the CEO of Tricounty Ministries which has seen an uptake in requests and needs.

Melissa Levesque is the VP of Development for the Coastal Community Foundation which raised over more than \$725,000 for the COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Fund to match a \$500,000 grant, allowing the foundation \$1.2 Million to support community.

Of course, many, many thanks to our members who serve as doctors and nurses on the frontlines! The Chapter joined Jill in gratitude and appreciation of these Members.

Regent Templeton then concluded our Meeting for today and looked forward to seeing everyone in person at the Old Exchange Building for our September 13, 2020 Meeting. Jill announced that we have some great programs already lined up, especially in October when we will also celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Chapter!

Claudia Farmer, Corresponding Secretary gave our Benediction.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Harrelson, Recording Secretary