

**STATE ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
July 7, 2007**

The meeting of the SC Order of Confederate Rose was held in the Conference Room at the Cayce Museum in Cayce, South Carolina at 10 am on July 7, 2007. Five chapters were represented.

In attendance: Diane Padgett – Louisa McCord Chapter, Heidi Jackson – Ann Eliza Harllee Chapter, Cynthia Hayes – Ann Eliza Harllee Chapter, JoAnn Watts – Mary A. Hunt Chapter, Ann Harmon – Snowden Chapter, Deborah Smith – Snowden Chapter, Maria Shull – Louisa McCord Chapter, Mosie Marlar – Varina Howell Davis Chapter, Steve Wolfe – Louisa McCord Chapter, and Andrea Wolfe – SC Society OCR/Louisa McCord Chapter.

Andrea welcomed everyone and the pledges to the flags were given. Maria gave housekeeping tips. Cynthia Hayes gave the invocation.

The National Confederation meeting will be held in Mobile, Alabama from July 24th – 28th. The Renaissance Hotel is the location. A room has been set aside for the OCR to meet. This meeting will probably be on Saturday, July 28th. Chapter reports will be presented at that time. Johanna Pate, OCR Louisiana, has made a power point of OCR events and it will be on display at the Convention. No registration amount has been given to date.

The Spring Newsletter will be published in the next few days. Anyone without email will pay an additional \$12 a year to have theirs mailed to them.

South Carolina Partisans donated \$300 for a child to attend Sam Davis Youth Camp. SC OCR donated \$100. A young man, Alexander Michael Babb, won the essay contest. He is planning to go in the Navy. Any interested in being a counselor, please see Jack or Mosie Marler.

Marilyn and Mike White presented Alexander with the check. Marilyn paid for the family to attend the ceremony.

State Convention for 2008 will be held in Lexington, South Carolina at Saluda Shoals Convention Center. The dates are March 14th-15th. A reception will be held on March 14th catered by Cotton House of Irmo at the State Museum with a tour of the Museum of the Confederacy. There will be a \$20 charge for this event. A band and guest speakers are currently being booked. A craft session is also being considered for the OCR meeting. If so, there will be a small charge.

Minutes of the March meeting were distributed for approval. A vote to approve and accept was taken. JoAnn will be emailed a copy for her files.

Possible changes to the Bylaw were discussed. Changes will be discussed at the State Meeting for 2008 for final vote.

Andrea discussed the tartan for OCR. She will provide contact information for Jolene Wiltsie, who has the tartan, so that they may purchase some of the tartan if they would like. The price is \$25 a yard. Email addresses for Jolene are: tippykat117@yahoo.com or spookynharry@bellsouth.net. Jolene will have information on both the OCR tartan and the Black Rose tartan.

Andrea and Steve Wolfe attended the MOS&B meeting in Richmond, Virginia. State MOSB Commander, Steve Wolfe, presented the following awards: Andrea and Jeannie Weil (not in attendance) received the Judah P. Benjamin Award, highest award for a non-member. Jeannie's award was presented to Deborah Smith and Ann Harmon of the Snowden Chapter to present to Jeannie at a later date. The Varina Howell Davis Award (Ladies Supportive of the MOSB) was presented to Heidi Jackson (#118) and Diane Padgett (#125).

The Executive Committee started the year with \$2,154.74 in the treasury. Currently there is \$3,136.18. Ten (10) chapters are currently members in the OCR. Mary Catherine McGill Chapter #16 of York plans to remain active. New membership is \$10 and you receive a certificate, membership card and state OCR pin. Renewing members pay \$5.00. A new member should send \$5 dues with their application to Marilyn White and \$5 to Mosie Marlar for their state pin. Renewal cards for each chapter were distributed. Snowden cards were mailed to Anne Gelwick.

Mary A. Hunt #13 Rosebuds have been raising money to send two girls to Sam Davis Youth Camp in August. Ann Aliza Harlee chapter donated a nominal amount to help. The State OCR Executive Committee also donated to the Rosebuds. A certificate was presented to Kristine Stonehill for her leadership of the Rosebuds of the Mary A. Hunt chapter. JoAnn Watts was asked to deliver the certificate to Kristine.

The budget for the 2007-2008 year was discussed and presented in State Society OCR Treasurer, Marilyn White's, absence (copy attached). Mosie, Heidi, Marilyn and Andrea would be reimbursed for upcoming expenses. Members-at-Large will be reimbursed for ink and postage. The treasurer proposal was \$20 per quarter, President - \$20 per quarter; Mosie for postage and ink - \$20 per quarter, Heidi for The Black Roses - \$20 per quarter, up to \$100 for seed money for nationals, door prize - \$100; allow \$25 for out of town events. This represents a total budget for the year and was approved.

Up to \$350 for meeting costs and \$100 for room rental if necessary will be allowed for a convention. Discussion: as of July 7, 2007, the SCOCR will maintain an operating balance of no less than \$2000.00 of which any and all funds above the amount will be donated to one or more worthwhile non-profit projects in and out of state. Mosie, Heidi, Steve, and Andrea will work on the proper verbage and email to Society Members. *[As of February 2008, both issues are still being reviewed by State Society OCR President and will be presented at the Annual Meeting March 2008 because of time frames and interest in additional input.]*

Heidi gave the Black Rose report. Currently there are 50 members. She would like for each chapter to tell her of events so that we can be more active. Currently there are no dues for the Black Rose but donations are welcomed. Heidi would like to receive new rosters from each chapter. Heidi would also like to receive Black Rose pictures for the scrapbook.

Johanna Pate of the Louisiana OCR is creating a power point presentation to be used at all conventions. Please send pictures to Andrea to be forwarded to Johanna.

Mosie reported on Pins, fundraising and awards. She has 68 pins left. Florida, North Carolina and Texas give awards to their members for outstanding service. It was proposed that SC should also give awards. Mosie, Heidi and Diane will work on this and report back at a later date.

The State cookbook was discussed. Each chapter would enter their own recipes (1,000 recipes) and would have four pages. Ninety days will be allotted for gathering the recipes and entering them in the computer. There are seven categories.

A Texas chapter makes a children's' book. This would make an ideal Rosebud project. It was proposed that Pamela Evans, Varina Howell Davis Chapter, would chair the State Rosebud program.

A metal of appreciation using the OCR pin was discussed. Description of position/JoAnn Watts – Secretary, Heidi Jackson-Black Rose Chair, Mosie Marlar-Pins & Awards, Marilyn White – Treasurer and At-Large, Anne Gelwick – Webmaster, Jeannie Weil-Reading of the Roll of the Dead Chair, Pam Evans – Rosebud Chair, and Cynthia Arnette – Chaplain. At this time, there is no need to appoint a vice president. This will be a flexible position or joint position where individuals suited for the task/meeting will be appointed by State Society OCR President, Andrea Wolfe. If needed, a Parliamentarian or Sergeant at Arms will be appointed.

All bylaw changes should be submitted in writing.

Increase in dues will be discussed at a later meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Yours in History,

JoAnn B. Watts
Secretary