

## **Towamencin Chapter DAR Minutes**

Meeting: March 14, 2015

Place: Indian Valley Library, Telford PA

In attendance was: Carole Bishop, Carla Blumenfeld, Jackie Carter, Eleanor Cobb, Joan Cossman, Mary Rose DiDomizio, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Martha Foote, Joyce Greaves, Janet Gross, Holly Hayick, Samantha Hennenfent, Dale Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Molly Jager, Wendy Kelly, Beth Lentz, Lisa Madsen, Bonnie Marino, Sandra McCarthy, Jennifer McKeon, Sara Natali, Winnie Peterson, Elizabeth Semon

Guests: Margie Gehlhaus and Carol Morrell

Meeting was called to order by the Regent, Sandra McCarthy at 10:30 A.M followed by the Opening Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, DAR Creed, and America the Beautiful.

The President General's message was read by Dale Hoppe, the topic was the Fifth Annual Women's History Month Edition of the American Spirit Magazine. The National Defense Report read by Linda Donaldson the topic was USCGC William Trump Commissioned in Key West, Florida, Daughter Colette Eddy Named Sponsor and A True Hero: Joe Mann.

The Indian Minute was read by Sandy McCarthy the topic was Eastern Woodlands and Indians.

Jackie Carter shared a Conservation Tip, Remember to adjust programmable thermostats.

Members and guests introduced themselves.

The minutes of the December 2014 meeting were read by Winnie Peterson and approved as read.

The minutes of the February 2015 meeting were read by Winnie Peterson and approved with the following corrections: Margie Gehlhaus was also a guest. Sara Natali, not Beth Natali, was in attendance. Carole Bishop (not Carla Blumenfield), Joan Cossman, and Samantha Hennenfent were voted as Delegates to State Conference and Sandy Valenti as alternate.

Executive Board Reports:

Treasurer-Holly Hayick: The chapter had a balance of \$3,763.02 at the end of February. The current balance is \$3,529.60.

Vice Regent-Jennifer McKeon: The 60 Year Anniversary of the Towamencin Chapter will be celebrated at the spring luncheon, April 11 at the Bay Pony Inn. State Regent Bobbi McMullen will be in attendance. Invitations have been sent out and should be returned by March 28. Proceeds from the Tombola will be donated to the State Regent Project. New items only should be brought to the Tombola.

Chaplin- Beth Lentz: No one has contacted her since the last meeting. Please let her know information about members she should be aware of.

Corresponding Secretary- Samantha Hennenfent: Information is currently up-to-date. State Conference registration is due April 1. She suggested if you only plan to attend one event the State Dinner would be a great choice.

Registrar- Joan Cossman: There are currently 73 members, 4 applications pending, 1 new application, and 2 new perspective members. The perspective database has been thinned out and there are now 19 names. One supplemental has been verified and 27 are pending. Two supplemental workshops were scheduled. The first was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Historian-Sue Johnston: Sue sent a report that scrapbook materials are now in protective sleeves. The next step is to scan everything.

Librarian- Carole Bishop: Books available for check out are on display.

#### Committee Reports:

American History- Sandy McCarthy for Sandy Valenti: The 8th grade winner of the American History Contest was submitted by Towamencin. The winner has been invited to the State Conference and will be invited to our spring luncheon.

Conservation- Jackie Carter: Jackie thanked members for the bottle cap collection. She explained that only hard plastic tops (usually twist type) can be recycled, not metal or soft plastic tops.

Project Patriot-Sandy McCarthy: Proceeds from the Tombola, usually earmarked for Project Patriot, will be donated to the State Regent Project this year. Winnie Peterson suggested the group designate money from the treasury to purchase phone cards for Project Patriot. Joan Cossman moved that we donate \$300 for phone cards for Project Patriot. The motion was seconded by Beth Lenz. The motion was passed unanimously. Holly Hayick added that if anyone would like to add additional personal donations to please give them to her. Linda Donaldson suggested developing a card/brochure to publicize our local DAR Chapter. It was noted that a brochure exists that needs to be updated. Linda will investigate updating the document.

DAR Schools- Eleanor Cobb: Ideas were requested for items to donate to Crossnore School next Christmas. Jackets were suggested. Eleanor Cobb will call the school before we make a final decision.

DAR Service for Veterans- Beth Lenz for Jennifer Bindas: Beth Lenz, Sandy McCarthy, and Winnie Peterson attended the Carnival at Coatesville Medical Center on March 10 (snow date). Beth shared that colored t-shirts are preferred, and this year we were short on size Large. She encouraged members to begin collecting items now for next year. The group also discussed providing a home cooked meal for female veterans, possibly at Spring City or Coatesville and/or adopting a veteran. Wendy Kelly suggested Bob Mensch would have information on the Adopt a Vet program.

Historic Preservation- Samantha Hennenfent: Towamencin has completed the application for Plains Mennonite Church to receive the Historic Preservation Chapter Award. The church received \$70,000 for the project from the congregation to restore the cemetery dating back to 1765. The project will be complete in June 2015.

#### Unfinished Business:

Sandy McCarthy reported we still need volunteers from our chapter for the State Conference Committee on Thursday through Sunday, April 23-26. Carole Bishop requested a sense of how to vote as a Delegate at the State Conference. Joan Cossman encouraged voting "yes" to the amendments. Blankets to Vets will be accepting donations of yarn at the 2015 State Conference.

#### New Business:

Carla Bulmenfeld asked for volunteers to participate in the Lansdale Memorial Day Parade. The group met last year around 8:30 am at a designated area. Carla passed around a sign-up sheet and will be hosting a barbecue at her home for participants and families after the parade. Members were asked to sign up to bring a side dish to the barbecue.

Jennifer McKeon nominated Samantha Hennenfent to receive the Outstanding Junior Chapter Member Award. Joan Cossman seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Junior members range in age from 18-36.

Joan Cossman made a motion to nominate Sandy McCarthy, Jennifer McKeon, and Samantha Hennenfent as Delegates to Continental Congress in June. Joan Cossman, Erna Fenchel, and Suzanne Johnston were nominated as Alternates. The motion was seconded by Jackie Carter. The motion was passed unanimously.

Samantha Hennenfent will update the electronic version of the membership book including member and patriot information for distribution. The membership book is only printed every third year.

The process of notification of DAR Scholarship recipients was questioned by Mary Rose DiDomizio. It was shared that only winners of the scholarships receive notification, not the Chapter.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be the luncheon on April 11, 2015 at 10:30 am at the Bay Pony Inn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

The Program was presented by Deborah White-Hershey. Topic: Patriot Homes

Winnie Peterson for Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Recording Secretary  
Cc: Sandy McCarthy, Regent; Jennifer McKeon, Vice Regent