

## Towamencin Chapter DAR Minutes

Meeting: September 13, 2014

Place: Indian Valley Public Library

Attendance: 18 members, 6 guests

Meeting was called to order by Regent, Sandy McCarthy at 10:35 am followed by the opening ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, American's Creed and the singing of My Country Tis of Thee.

The President General's message was read by Susanne Johnston; the topics of the message were Back to School and Constitution Week. The National Defense report was read by Sandy Valenti; September patriotic holidays were highlighted. The Indian Minute read by Samantha Hennenfent.

Members and guest introduced themselves.

The minutes of the June meeting were read by Winnie Peterson and approved with the correction that Jenifer Bindas, not Eleanor Cobb, collects stamps for DAR Service to Veterans.

### Board Members Reports:

Chaplain, Beth Lentz, asked members to please notify her about illnesses of members.

Corresponding Secretary, Judy Smith, resigned from her position in August due to re-location. The Board has recommended Samantha Hennenfent to fill the position. Samantha collected dues and reminded attendees that checks should be made out to the chapter, not her personally. A thank you letter was read from National for our donation of Doris Fadenrecht's patriot pins and information was distributed on the PASSDAR Southeastern District luncheon on November 14 in King of Prussia.

Registrar, Joan Cossman, reported 75 members as of September 13, 2014. There were three new members in 2014, four supplemental applications processed over the summer and 16 supplemental applications currently pending.

Librarian, Carole Bishop, reported two books were approved by the DAR library honoring deceased members Marguerite Heffner and Lynne Smiley. One of the books was authored by Marguerite Heffner. Carole also encouraged members to take advantage of the lending library available at each monthly meeting.

### Standing Committee Reports

American History, Sandy Valenti, has received information about the essay contest. The topic this year is "A Child's Journey Through Ellis Island." The chapter will begin reviewing essays in December since information must be passed on to the state by the end of January. Sue Johnston reported that Judy Krause from Germantown Academy has been nominated for the History Teacher Award.

Children of the American Revolution, Stephanie Seely requested volunteers to help with the committee.

Conservation, Jackie Carter, is continuing to collect bottle caps. She has collected over 3000 from various organizations to date. Jackie shared a conservation tip that unused prescription

medications are collected at the Lansdale Police Station. Beth Lentz informed the group that Rand pharmacy also provides this service and Joan Cossman contributed that Costco does also but for a charge.

Project Patriot, Sandy McCarthy shared a letter from Lynn Young thanking the chapter for \$548 contribution.

DAR Schools, Eleanor Cobb, informed members that the chapter would be collecting pajamas for Crossnore School for Christmas. Pajamas are for both boys and girls sizes 24 months through size 12. Members are asked to bring pajamas on or before the November meeting.

Historic Preservation, members thanked Chairman, Samantha Hennenfent, for organizing the September 6, 2014 plaque dedication at Christ Church in Philadelphia. Fourteen members attended the dedication. There is now a new pin available to members for supporting awards for historic preservation.

Celebrate America!, Wendy Kelly, encouraged members to enter their volunteer hours online and passed around a sheet for members to record their hours and she will enter them for the chapter members. The challenge by the President General for this year has been increased.

### Unfinished Business

Carole Bishop asked who won the Towamencin Attendance Challenge last year and asked if it was going to continue this year.

Sandy Valenti motioned for the chapter support Mana on Main Street for 2014 holiday giving dependent on voluntary contributions. The motion was seconded by Beth Lentz and the motion was carried.

Twenty members and family members attend the Iron Pigs outing on August 29, 2014. Winnie Peterson was thanked for organizing the outing.

### New Business

Joan Cossman reported a program change for March. The following additions were made to volunteers to host future meetings: February – Wendy Kelly, March – Carole Bishop, May – Linda Donaldson. Sandy Valenti will host the December meeting at her home.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Samantha Hennenfent presented an interesting and informative program on archiving paper heirlooms. Several members shared their treasures with the chapter.

Next meeting: October 11, 2014, at Indian Valley Public Library at 10:30 am

Winnie Peterson