

Towamencin Chapter DAR Minutes

Meeting: October 11, 2014

Place: Indian Valley Library, Telford PA

In attendance was: Sandy McCarthy, Winnie Peterson, Eleanor Cobb, Sandy Valenti, Wendy Kelly, Linda Donaldson, Joyce Greaves, Dale Hoppe, Samantha Hennenfent, Jackie Carter, Carole Bishop, Shirley Sargent, Martha Foote, Susanne Johnston, Diane Husted, Joan Cossman, Diane Wieland, Beth Lentz, Stephanie Seely, Kathryn Landis, Jennifer Bindas, Janet Gross, Bonnie Marino, Mary Rose DiDomizio, Molly Jager, Holly Hayick, Elizabeth Semon, and Jennifer McKeon

Guests: Peggy Sellers, Helen Schwartz, Mary Phalan, Kelly Irwin, Joan Doyle, and Sara Natali

Meeting was called to order by Regent, Sandy McCarthy at 10:37 A.M., followed by the opening ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, Americans Creed, and America the Beautiful.

The President's General message was read by Eleanor Cobb. Topic: The making of pocket flags, the quilts exhibition at the DAR Museum, and traveling to Scotland. The National Defense Report read by Stephanie Seely Topic: The NPRC is the keeper of all service records; from WWII to the present. The Indian Minuet was read by Samantha Hennenfent Topic: There are 566 recognized Tribes. The minutes of the October 11th meeting were read by Jennifer Bindas corrected and approved.

Executive Board Reports:

- Treasurer, Holly Hayick, reported for September. The chapter had an ending balance of \$2,716.12. Member's dues are \$57.00 due by the end of October.
- Chaplain, Beth Lentz. Asked for members to inform her if anyone who is ill. The pray in the opening ritual is from the NSDAR National day of prayer which occurred October 12 of this year.
- Corresponding Secretary, Samantha Hennenfent, Asked to be notified of any spelling mistakes or changes for the year book. November 11th there will be a South Eastern District luncheon in King of Prussia. On March 24, 2015 Washington Crossing Chapter is having a bus trip to the DAR library and dinner price is \$85.00
- Registrar, Joan Cossman, The chapter currently has 76 members, 1 transfer in 1 pending application, 30 people in the prospective database, 18 prospective members in process, and 18 supplemental applications pending.
- Historian, Linda Brad has resigned. Susan Johnston has been asked to assume the position for the remainder of Linda's term.
- Librarian, Carole Bishop, Two books have been donated to the chapter library from Joan Crossman, The History of the DAR 1890 to 1990 and the History of the CAR.

Committee Reports:

- American History, Sandy Valenti has not received any essays as of this meeting.
- Celebrate America!, Wendy Kelly, reminded the chapter members of the purpose behind the committee. The DAR is considered a lineage society by many, and this new committee is to show how much the society does within the community.
- Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), Stephanie Seely, the local chapter has had 2 new members bringing the total to 13. The next meetings will be November 9th, January 11th, and March 15th from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm at the Indian Valley Library. The Pennsylvania State Society CAR has solicited donations from DAR Chapters. Joan Crossman made a motion to donate \$25.00 to the PA C.A.R., Jackie Carter seconded the motion and it was carried.
- Conservation, Jackie Carter, explained the reason behind the collection of bottle caps. Because they are made of a different material from the bottle, many are not recycled. She also reminded members to check their air conditioning and heating filters during this time of year.
- DAR Schools, Eleanor Cobb, is still collection pajamas for the Crossnore School, sizes 6 to 12 please bring to the November meeting. Keep collecting Campbell's labels and box tops for education.
- Historic Preservation, Samantha Hennenfent read a letter form the Office of the Secretary of Defense congratulating the chapter for volunteering to become a Commemorative partner with the United States of American Vietnam War Commemoration.

Old Business:

Donations to Manna on Main Street should be given to Treasurer, Holly Hayick. Checks should be made payable to the chapter.

New Business

Treasurer, Holly Hayick presented the budget for the 2014-2015 year. Kathryn moved to approve the budget, Beth Lentz seconded the motion. Discussion was held. An amendment to the motion was made by Joan Crossman to balance the incoming and outgoing totals. \$72.00 will be added for Awards. The motion was approved as amended.

The PSSDAR Service for Veterans committee is making comfort bags for women veterans in the commonwealth and has asked the Towamencin Chapter to donate 50 magnifier sheets, or money to purchase the items. Members will investigate the cost of purchasing the items and the request will be discussed again at the February meeting.

The Towamencin Chapter was the first chapter in the commonwealth to nominate someone for the History Teacher Award.

The chapter received many awards at the PSSDAR Fall Meeting in Harrisburg. The Celebrate America! Committee for service to the community, and Chapter Achievement Award Level 1 for 2013.

The PSSDAR State Conference will occur April 23 to 25, 2015 in the Allentown area. Sandy McCarthy will serve as the chairman of the Guest Hospitality Committee. She is looking for volunteers to assist with pick up and drop off of conference guests at the airport.

The DAR Library Book Club has announced the 2015 book as “The Whisky Rebels” by David Liss. Sandy McCarthy had an extra copy of the book for any member who wished to read it and attend the State Conference Book Club meeting.

A block of rooms at the Grand Hyatt for Continental Congress will be available on October 19th. A small change in the process; \$100 will be charged to the members credit card to hold the room. Cancellation after May will result in a 2 night charge.

Winnie Peterson announced that the Iron Pigs schedule for 2014 – 2015 has been released. If members would like to attend, they should contact her.

Sandy McCarthy, Regent presented a 10 Year Service Award to Winnie Peterson and a 60 Year Service Award to Janet Gross.

The next meeting will be on November 8 2014 at 10:30 am at the Indian Valley Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Chapter members held a small party for Janet Gross followed by the program of a History of the Towamencin Chapter presented by Susan Johnson and question and answers by Janet Gross.

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