

Towamencin Chapter DAR Minutes

Meeting: March 12, 2016

Place: Lansdale Library

In attendance was: Carole Bishop, Jackie Carter, Joan Cossman, Mary Rose DiDomizio, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Martha Foote, Margie Gehlhaus, Pat Hallman, Lisa Halteman, Linda Hatcher, Holly Hayick, Samantha Hennenfent, Diane Hustead, Molly Jager, Dale Hoppe, Wendy Kelly, Beth Lentz, Lisa Madsen, Bonnie Marino, Sandra McCarthy, Jennifer McKeon, Jennifer McMonagle, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Elizabeth Semon, Peggy Sellers, Sandra Valenti.

Guests: Wendy Weirman, Marlene Rossmen, Sarah Rossmen, Mary Caruso, and Marsha Althouse.

The meeting was called to order by the Regent, Sandra McCarthy at 10:35 A.M., followed by the Opening Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, American's Creed, and singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

The President General's message was read by Jackie Carter. This is sixth annual Women's History Month edition of the *American Spirit* magazine featuring some of the remarkable women who have shaped our nation's history. At the 125th Continental Congress June 15-19, 2016, new Executive Officers will be installed. We will celebrate your generous gifts to the Guardian Trust Campaign, which will establish an endowment fund for the future needs of our historic headquarters.

Diane Hustead read The National Defender. The topic she chose was the forming of the US Navy.

Peggy Sellers read The Indian Minute. Topic: The meaning of Dream Catchers.

Members and guests introduced themselves. The minutes of the February 2016 meeting were corrected and approved. Treasurer Holly Hayick reported a balance of \$4,429.65 as of February 29, 2016. The report will be filed as read.

Executive Board Reports:

- Vice Regent Jennifer McKeon: April 9th is the Spring Luncheon at Springhouse Tavern. Please register by March 26.
- Registrar Joan Cossman reported that as of March 11, 2016 there are a total of 82 members, 2 applications verified, 1 application pending, 20 supplements pending.
- Librarian- Carole Bishop: Please check out our lending library for books.

Committee Reports:

- American History- Sandy Valenti: All the certificates for the American History participants have been sent to the teachers to be distributed. Our submissions to State did not place at that level.
- Conservation- Jackie Carter: Jackie thanked members for the 3,409 bottle cap collected. Seventy-one old cell phones that will be turned into calling cards for veterans. Jackie read a conservation tip submitted by Sandy McCarthy: Keep the water you use to boil or steam food. It makes a great base for soup.
- DAR Schools- Sandy McCarthy for Eleanor Cobb: As of July 31, 2016, Campbell's will no longer be sponsoring the Labels for Education Program. Bring any soup labels you have to the next few meetings. We will continue to collect Boxtops for Education.
- Historic Preservation- Samantha Hennenfent: Will be looking into the plaque at the Peter Wentz Home.
- C.A.R. - Samantha Hennenfent for Carla Blumenfeld and Sue Johnston: The Battle of Bunker Hill will be the topic of the March 13 meeting of C.A.R. The location of the meeting will be the Indian Valley Library. The April 10 meeting will be held at the Peter Wentz Home.

Unfinished Business:

- Joan Cossman requested volunteers to help take pictures of historic homes in Lansdale for the Lansdale Historical Society. Joan will provide additional information at a future chapter meeting.

New Business:

- We are investigating placing a DAR plaque on Washington's house at Valley Forge National Park. Jennifer McKeon will contact the Valley Forge Chapter for their input. Samantha Hennenfent and Maggie Gehlhaus will research what needs to be done with DAR and the National Park Service.
- Jennifer McKeon asked the membership if we wanted a Tombola at the spring luncheon. Joan Cossman moved to have the Tombola with the proceeds going to the PA Foyer Restoration Project. The motion was seconded by Beth Lentz. The chapter voted on the motion, and it passed.
- Jackie Carter moved to donate \$300 to Project Patriot for the purchase of DAR calling cards. The motion was seconded by Margie Gehlhaus, voted on by the chapter, and passed.
- Jackie Carter and Samantha Hennenfent are going to look in to a possible grant for the Historic Preservation in Lansdale of a cargo station.
- Jackie Carter is looking into the cost of banners to be displayed along West Main Street to commemorate the Lansdale Library's upcoming International Spring Festival. The banners will recognize local veterans.
- The Memorial Day Parade in Lansdale will be held May 30. Please contact Carl Blumenfield if you are interested. Carla will host a barbeque luncheon following the parade and memorial service.
- Joan Cossman moved that the chapter donate \$100 to purchase toys for Tomassee School. The motion was seconded by Linda Donaldson and passed by the chapter.
- Sandy Valenti made a motion that Holly Hayick, Samantha Hennenfent, and Jackie Carter serve as the Nominating Committee for the upcoming Chapter elections. Margie Gehlhaus seconded the motion. The motion passed. Regent Sandy McCarthy appointed Holly Hayick as chair of the committee.
- For 2016 Continental Congress, Joan Cossman moved that Samantha Hennenfent and Sarah Natali serve as our delegates with Margie Gehlhaus as an alternate. Sandy Valenti seconded the motion and it passed. It was noted that Regent Sandy McCarthy is the automatic first delegate with Vice Regent Jennifer McKeon as her alternate.

The next meeting will be April 9th at Springhouse Tavern 11:00 am.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Jennifer McKeon presented the Program. Topic: Insignia and Pins.

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