

## Towamencin Chapter DAR Minutes

Meeting: May 14, 2016

Place: Lansdale Library

In attendance were: Carole Bishop, Carla Blumenfeld, Jackie Carter, Eleanor Cobb, Joan Cossman, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Martha Foote, Janet Gross, Pat Hallman, Linda Hatcher, Holly Hayick, Samantha Hennenfent, Marion Helinsky, Dale Hoppe, Jessica Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Molly Jager, Susanne Johnston, Wendy Kelly, Kathryn Landis, Esther Levito, Bonnie Marino, Pamela Martino, Mary Martino, Sandra McCarthy, Jennifer McKeon, Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Winnie Peterson, Margaret Sellers, Elizabeth Semon, Jackie Swanson, Sandra Valenti, Wendy Weirman.

Guests: Marsha Althouse, Jennifer Cherry, Julia Forbes, and Meg Updike.

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

Winnie Peterson read the **President General's message**. Lynn Forney Young thanked everyone for her amazing experience as the 43<sup>rd</sup> President of NSDAR.

Susanne Johnston read an article from the **National Defender**. National Chair Kathy Hanlon thanked the many daughters and chapters for their support of the National Defense Committee.

The **minutes** of the March 2016 meeting were approved by Jackie Carter and seconded by Marion Helinsky and passed as stands. Approval of the April minutes will be voted on at the June meeting.

**Treasurer** Holly Hayick reported a balance of \$4,044.20 as of April 30, 2016.

### **Executive Board Reports:**

- Registrar - Joan Cossman: as of May 14, 2016, the Chapter has 86 members. Two new members' applications have been verified and one application is pending. Five supplementals have been approved.
- Corresponding Secretary – Samantha Hennenfent: Working on the gmail issue sending communications to Chapter members.
- Historian – Susanne Johnston: Still scanning Chapter documents.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Conservation - Jackie Carter: Jackie gave us tips on keeping cool this summer.
- DAR Schools - Eleanor Cobb: Eleanor thanked the chapter for the pajamas and box tops for education.

- C.A.R. - Carla Blumenfeld and Sue Johnston: Towamencin C.A.R. chapter now has a website. The C.A.R. provided a list of their recent accomplishments and awards. See attachment.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Carla Blumenfeld circulated a sign up sheet for members who want to march in the Lansdale Memorial Day Parade, May 30, 2016. Participants are to meet at 8:00 AM behind the 7-11 in Lansdale. A picnic luncheon and swimming will be held at Carla's home in Souderton following the parade.

### **New Business:**

- Beth Semon, who is a member of the Upper Salford Historical Society, mentioned the Society is celebrating its 275-year anniversary at the township park on October 15. Booths are free if the Chapter is interested in participating in the celebration.
- Holly Hayick reported the Tombola held at our April luncheon generated \$398 for the PA foyer restoration. Jennifer McKeon moved that the Chapter add \$102 making the total contribution \$500. Joan Cossman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the membership.
- Eleanor Cobb received a certificate for 40 years of service to DAR.
- Linda Donaldson donated seven books to the Chapter's lending library.

### **Election of Chapter Officers**

Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle read Article V, Section 4 of the bylaws. Holly Hayick, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the nominations of officers for 2016-19.

Regent:	Jennifer McKeon Holly Hayick
Vice Regent:	Samantha Hennenfent
Chaplain:	Carla Blumenfeld
Recording Secretary:	Sara Natali
Treasurer:	Diane Hustead
Corresponding Secretary:	Winnie Peterson
Registrar:	Susanne Johnston
Historian:	Erna Fenchel
Librarian:	Linda Donaldson

Because there was more than one candidate for the office of Regent, Chapter bylaws require voting by ballot. Regent Sandy McCarthy appointed three members as tellers: Molly Jager, (Chair), Dale Hoppe and Wendy Kelly. The tellers distributed the ballots to the 36 members eligible to vote. The Regent gave instructions for marking and folding the ballot. The tellers collected all completed ballots and left the room to tabulate the votes.

### **Announcements**

The Chapter received certificates for Chapter Achievement, Level 1 and for Celebrate America!

Order sheets are available for Towamencin Chapter DAR T-shirts.

**Election Results**

The ballots were given to the Recording Secretary in a sealed envelope. Teller Chair Molly Jager reported the results of the election. Nineteen votes were needed to win the election. One member abstained from voting.

Regent: Holly Hayick received 24 votes

Jennifer McKeon received 11 votes

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Chaplin: Carla Blumenfeld

Recording Secretary: Sara Natali

Treasurer: Diane Hustead

Corresponding Secretary: Winnie Peterson

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Historian: Erna Fenchel

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The next meeting will be June 11, 2016, at the home of Susanne Johnston. The meeting will begin at 10:30 AM followed by a potluck luncheon. A signup sheet was circulated.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Samantha Hennenfent presented a program on the DAR Museum.

Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Recording Secretary

Cc: Sandy McCarthy, Regent; Jennifer McKeon, Vice Regent