

Towamencin Chapter DAR Minutes

Meeting: October 10, 2015

Place: Lansdale Library

In attendance was: Carole Bishop, Carla Blumenfeld, Jackie Carter, Eleanor Cobb, Cynthia Cooper, Joan Cossman, Mary Rose DiDomizio, Linda Donaldson, Janet Gross, Laura Hager, Samantha Hennenfent, Dale Hoppe, Jessica Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Molly Jager, Wendy Kelly, Kathryn Landis, Beth Lentz, Sandra McCarthy, Jennifer McKeon, Jennifer McMonagle, Carlo Morrell, Sara Natali, Shirley Sargent, Elizabeth Semon, Sandra Valenti, Associate Member Karlyn Shedlowski.

Guests: Helen Schwartz and Linda High

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 My Country, 'Tis of Thee.

The President General's message was read by Karlyn Shedlowski. Topic: The [125th anniversary](#) of our founding is finally here! Just imagine how far we've come since that day in 1890 when a small group of women sat in a living room in D.C., taking the first steps to create the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. We are truly the beneficiaries. The National Defense Report read by Karlyn Shedlowski. Topic: Vietnam War Memorial Wall and the National Parks have displayed items that have been let at the wall at www.vvmf.org/items. The Indian Minute was read by Sara Natali. Topic: "For each tribe of men Usen (God) created, He also made a home. In the land created for any particular tribe, He placed whatever would be best for the welfare of that tribe. Usen created the Apaches. He also created their homes in the West. He gave to them such grain, fruits, and game as they needed to eat." Jackie Carter shared a conservation tip from Bonnie Marion: Recycles Christmas cards by using the front of the cards to make Christmas wreath.

Members and guests introduced themselves.

The minutes of the September 2015 meeting were corrected and approved.

Executive Board Reports:

- Chaplain- Beth Lentz: Sent out cards to Joan Williams and Pat Hallman.
- Corresponding Secretary- Samantha Hennenfent: An invitation to see the Crossing at the Movie Tavern on November 14th. PASSDA New Book is "The Man Hunt". State Conference: April 21-23 2016 in Lancaster. The Literacy Promotion Committee will conduct contests to recognize the outstanding service of a DAR member, chapter and or state.
- Treasure- Holly Hayick: There are about 37 members that have not paid their dues yet.
- Registrar- Joan Cossman: As of October 9, 2015 there are a total of 82 members. 1 reinstatement pending, 1 new member (Jackie Swanson). 1 application pending, 3 prospective new members (Wendy Weirman, Linda High, and Laura Yocum). 26 pending supplements.
- Librarian- Carole Bishop: 6 books lent out of the library. Please return the books at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- American History- Sandy McCarthy for Sandy Valenti: The American History Contest was submitted to North Penn and Souderton Schools. Next meeting Sandy is going to need help to read and judge the essays.
- Conservation- Jackie Carter: Jackie thanked members for the 1,186 bottle cap collection. Please bring in old cell phones that will be turned into calling cards the Veterans.
- DAR Schools- Eleanor Cobb: Is collecting box tops for education, Campbell's soup labels, and PJ's size 12 and up for the Crossnore School.
- DAR Service for Veterans- Jennifer Bindas- McMonagle: Hand out from Jackie Carter about Cards for Veterans. First name only, no political or religious cards. I will collect Christmas, Valentine, and Memorial cards. Please bring to the meetings.

- Historic Preservation- Samantha Hennenfent: Christ Church Burial Ground, October 17th @ 5:30. A special reception is being held to honor our chapter's support of a special grant to restore the burial gate.
- CAR- Carla Blumenfeld and Sue Johnston: September's meeting was a get to know you, they had 10 children at the meeting. Octobers meeting The Battle of Germantown had 5 children in attendance.
- Celebrate American- Wendy Kelly: Passed around a sheet to put you volunteer hours in.

Unfinished Business:

- Mt Moriah: Cleanup October 24th from 9am -1pm; still looking for volunteers.
- Day of Service October 11th 9am -12pm space is still open to volunteer.

New Business:

- Manna on Main Street: Sandy Valenti asked the chapter if we wanted to sponsor a child this holiday. They say about \$75 to \$125 per child. A motion was made by Joan Cossman to have the chapter make a donation and other members to make donations to adoption 1 or 2 children this year. Seconded by Carole Bishop, motion was passed.

The next meeting will be November 14, 2015 at 10:30am. Indian Valley Library
The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

The Program was presented by Jennifer McKeon. Topic: The Stamp Act

Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Recording Secretary

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