

## Towamencin Chapter DAR Minutes

Meeting: November 14, 2015

Place: Indian Valley Public Library

In attendance were: Carole Bishop, Carla Blumenfeld, Jackie Carter, Eleanor Cobb, Cynthia Cooper, Joan Cossman, Mary Rose DiDomizio, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Martha Foote, Margie Gehlhaus, Joyce Greaves, Janet Gross, Patricia Hallman, Linda Hatcher, Holly Hayick, Samantha Hennenfent, Dale Hoppe, Jessica Hoppe, Diane Husted, Molly Jager, Susanne Johnston, Beth Lentz, Lisa Madsen, Bonnie Marino, Sandra McCarthy, Jennifer McKeon, Jennifer McMonagle, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Shirley Sargent, Stephanie Steely, Elizabeth Semon, Jackie Swanson, Sandra Valenti, Helen Schwartz, and Jackie Swanson.

Guests: Marian Helinsky and Wendy Weirman

The meeting was called to order by Regent, Sandra McCarthy at 10:37 A.M., followed by the Opening Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, American's Creed, and the singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Joan Cossman read the President General's Message. Highlights include the DAR Museum's special exhibit to honor created for the Society's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The exhibit honors the origin of the museums collection, which now contains approximately 30,000 objects. On Veteran's Day we express our appreciation for the veterans who served our county so valiantly. Thank you for the chapters that have become commemorative partners of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

Martha Foote read the National Defense Message. The topic was American Indian women as national defenders.

The Indian Minute was read by Beth Lentz. The topic was about the Indian's prophecies about humanity's destructive impact on the ability of our planet to sustain life.

Members and guests introduced themselves.

Regent Sandy McCarthy and Chaplain installed Jackie Swanson as our newest member.

Jennifer McKeon moved and Bonnie Marino seconded that the minutes of the October 2015 meeting be approved as corrected. The motion was carried.

Treasurer Holly Hayick reported the Chapter's balance as of October 31, 2015 is \$7,224.65.

### Executive Board Reports:

Vice Regent Jennifer McKeon reported that the December meeting will be held at the home of Carla Blumenfeld. Members should sign up for the potluck luncheon. The

annual Spring Luncheon will be held on April 9 at the Springhouse Tavern. Corresponding Secretary Samantha Hennenfent said the yearbook will be out very soon.

Registrar Joan Cossman reported that as of November 12, 2015 there are a total of 81 Chapter members including 1 reinstatement and 1 new member (Jackie Swanson). There is one application pending. We have 25 pending supplementals.

Librarian Carole Bishop has a new book about Fort Mifflin added to the lending library.

#### Committee Reports:

American History Chair Sandy Valenti stated the Chapter received 18 essays from 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Germantown Academy and 6 essays from Mary Mother Redeemer School for the American History Contest. Sara Natali, Carla Blumenfeld, Jackie Carter, Susanne Johnston, Sandy McCarthy, and Carole Bishop volunteered to read and grade the essays.

Conservation Chair Jackie Carter thanked members for the 1,374 bottle cap collected. Jackie asked members to bring in old cell phones that will be turned into calling cards for veterans. Jackie selected Sandy McCarthy's conservation tip, "turn off water when brushing your teeth" to share with the membership.

DAR Schools Chair Eleanor Cobb reminded members to collect Box Tops for Education and Campbell's soup labels. Eleanor thanked all the members for the 30 sets of PJs that will be sent out before Christmas to the Crossnore School.

DAR Service for Veterans Chair Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle distributed a handout from Jackie Carter about a Cards for Veterans program. Members are to use their first name only and not to submit cards with political or religious sentiments. Jennifer will collect Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Memorial Day cards. Members should bring the cards to Chapter meetings.

Historic Preservation Chair Samantha Hennenfent informed us that the Chapter's efforts at Christ Church Burial Ground has been submitted "The PA Patriot." This newsletter is available on the PSSDAR member's only website.

C.A.R. leaders Carla Blumenfeld and Sue Johnston reported that the Towamencin C.A.R. Chapter has been highlighted in the fall addition of the CAR Newsletter.

#### Unfinished Business:

Beth Semon attended at the Mount Moriah Cemetery cleanup on October 24. Beth gave us provided a brief recap of the event.

Jennifer McKeon, Cindy Cooper, and Susanne Johnston, represented the Towamencin Chapter at the NSDAR Day of Service held on October 11 at Valley Forge National Park. They provided a summary of the event.

The chapter will accept donations to local charity, Manna on Main Street's Christmas project. Sandy Valenti asked members to send monetary donations to the Treasurer, Holly Hayick by December 1.

New Business:

Jackie Carter made a motion that the Towamencin Chapter donate \$25 to the Pennsylvania State Society C.A.R. The motion was seconded by Susanne Johnston and passed.

Announcements :

Per the Chapter bylaws, a Nominating Committee will be established at the March 2016 meeting. The Nominating committee shall consist of three members and shall be elected by the Chapter. It shall be their duty to provide a slate of officers, which will be voted on by the Chapter at the May 2016 meeting.

The next meeting will be December 12, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Carla Blumenfeld. The program will be provided by our junior members, Samantha Hennenfent and Sara Natali. They will provide information about items to purchase from the Jr. Shop. Members are encouraged to bring money to the meeting for last minute holiday shopping.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. Member Sue Johnston presented a program on local Indian life.

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

Minutes approved as corrected, 2/13/2016.