



Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR
Daughters of the American Revolution
Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Minutes

Meeting: November 11, 2017

Place: Indian Valley Library, Telford

Attendance: (31)

Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Carole Bishop, Jacqueline Carter, Jennifer Cherry, Eleanor Cobb, Joan Cossman, Mary DiDomizio, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Martha Foote, Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Samantha Hennenfent Freise, Dale Hoppe, Diane Husted, Susanne Johnston, Wendy Kelly, Mary Kern, Joan LaMonica, Kathryn Landis, Beth Lentz, Mary Martino, Pamela Martino, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Ann Rorer, Shirley Sargent, Helen Schwartz, Margaret Sellers, Joanne Shupe, Joan Williams.

Guests: (7)

State Regent Cyndy Sweeney, South Eastern District Director Sara Jane McCurdy, Kay Yarbourgh, Rosemary Forsythe, Mary Ann Faley, Charlene Souders, Vikki Josko.

Opening Rituals

The meeting of the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, was called to order by Regent, Holly Hayick, at 10:35 A.M.

Opening Ritual with prayers lead by Jennifer Cherry followed.

DAR Ritual

Pledge of Allegiance

American's Creed

Star Spangled Banner

President General's Message was read by Pam Martino. The topics included: Service to America, the National DAR Day of Service, the NSDAR Paris Trip and 100th WWI Anniversary sites, restoration of the Constitution Hall stage, and giving thanks this holiday season.

The National Defender was read by Jennifer Bindas. The topic advocated Women Veterans and womensmemorial.org.

Minutes from the October 2017 meeting were posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members Website. Minutes were approved as posted.

Reports of Officers

➤ **Vice Regent** – Samantha Freise

Vice Regent, Samantha Freise, shared the upcoming programs.

The December 9th meeting will be at Ann Rorer's house. It will include a presentation of the 100th Anniversary of WWI and the influence from DAR.

Hostesses are needed for the February and March meetings – please contact Samantha to volunteer.

Please stay tuned for an upcoming trip in the spring to Christ Church, in recognition of the completion of the gate grant.

➤ **Chaplain** – Jennifer Cherry

Chaplain, Jennifer Cherry, shared the passing and condolences for Sara Vonderheid. A sympathy card was passed for all to sign.

➤ **Treasurer** – Diane Hustead, report filed

Treasurer, Diane Hustead, reported A balance of \$ 8,208.23, as of October 31, 2017.

Donations are being collected for Manna on Main until November 30th and on-going for the Patriot Recognition Project (to recognize 32 patriots at Wentz Church in the future).

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

Registrar, Sue Johnston, reported the following statistics and extended a welcome to the guests in attendance.

Total members: 99

Pending members: 2 pending in Washington

Reports of Committees

- **American History** – Heather Wassel, reported by *Regent, Holly Hayick*,
Essays are expected to arrive around November 19th – please consider volunteering to read and rate the essays. The topic covered the WWI 100th Anniversary. Heather Wassel has accepted the chair position and will forward the essays to read shortly.

- **Americanism & the Flag of the United States** – Carole Bishop
Flag Minute – *Carole Bishop read the Schoolhouse Flag Movement.*

- **American Indians** – Sue Johnston
Indian Minute – *Sue Johnston read how the Indians helped to decode German messages in 1918.*
Sue Johnston reported the following for the PSSDAR AIC committee.
Chemawa Bed Sets: 250 of 400 bed sets were sent to Chemawa.
November 12th AIC Luncheon: Save the date for the November 12th luncheon to raise additional monies for the bed sets.
Crazy Horse School: See Jennifer Cherry if interested to donate funds to help the Crazy Horse School nurse purchase feminine supplies for the students.

- **C.A.R.** – Sue Johnston
Sue Johnston reported the following C.A.R. events.
11/05/2017 – James Monroe program at the Upper Dublin Library
11/19/2017 – 2:00 PM Wreath Laying, WWI Monument, with the Mayor from Lansdale

- **DAR Magazine** – Joan Cossman
Joan Cossman advocated the American Spirit Magazine, 6 issues for \$18. The subscription makes a wonderful gift, containing articles on history and patriotism for all. See Joan for an order form or subscribe online at dar.org.

- **DAR Schools** – Eleanor Cobb
Eleanor Cobb extended gratitude to all that donated the filled shoe boxes for Crossnore.

Veterans Day Recognitions

- *Thank you to all of those that served in the military, including members Carole Bishop and Joan LaMonica.*
- *Chaplain Jennifer McGowan Cherry led the 11:11 prayer and a moment of silence to honor our veterans.*

New Members Installation: Joan LaMonica

Old Business

- ***Banner** – Regent Holly Hayick and Vice Regent Samantha Freise presented the new Chapter Banner.*
- ***Breakfast for Vets November 10** – Holly Hayick, Molly Jager, Beth Lentz, and Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle attended the Veterans' Day breakfast at Spring City. If interested in volunteering to help Veterans in the future, such as Tuesday night bingo or other activities, please contact Beth, Jennifer, or Holly.*

New Business

- ***Valley Forge Tower &/or Justice Bell, Photo Contest** – Submissions will be accepted through January 31st. The winning photo will be used for placement on stationary for fundraising. Please send your submission and questions to the PSSDAR Valley Forge Bell Tower Committee, Taryn Edmonds, Vice Chairman, 561-440-0076 or misstaryn7@gmail.com.*
- ***Crossnore School Program Donations** – After the conclusion of the program, checks were presented to Kay Yarbourgh from the Towamencin Chapter NSDAR and the Towamencin Society C.A.R. The C.A.R. asked for their check to go towards the therapy dogs.*

Announcements

Thank you to hostesses: Linda Donaldson & Beth Lentz

Today's Program: Crossnore School & Children's Home

Speaker: Kay Yarbrough, Major & Planned Giving Officer, DAR Liaison

Next Meeting: Saturday, December 9, 2017, Ann Rorer's house, Lansdale

Program: 100th Anniversary: The DAR during WWI

Speaker: Vice Regent, Samantha Freise

Hostesses: Towamencin Potluck

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

Cc: Regent, Holly Hayick; Vice Regent, Samantha Hennenfent Freise