



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

Minutes

Meeting: March 10, 2018

Place: Indian Valley Library, Telford

Attendance: (33)

Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Carole Bishop, Carla Blumenfeld, Jacqueline Carter, Jennifer Cherry, Eleanor Cobb, Mary DiDomizio, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Martha Foote, Rosemary Forsythe, Margie Gehlhaus, Janet Gross, Holly Hayick, Patricia Hallman, Marian Helinsky, Samantha Hennenfent Freise, Dale Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Victoria Josko, Bonnie Marino, Mary Martino, Pam Martino, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Diana Rehborn, Shirley Sargent, Helen Schwartz, Peggy Sellers, Joanne Shupe, Jennifer Smith, Margaret Updike, Heather Wassel.

Guests: ()

Opening Rituals

The meeting of the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, was called to order by Regent, Holly Hayick, at 10:40 A.M.

Opening Ritual with prayers lead by Jennifer Cherry followed.

DAR Ritual

Pledge of Allegiance

American's Creed

My Country Tis of Thee

President General's Message was read by Peggy Sellers.

The National Defender was read by Bonnie Marino.

Minutes from the February 2018 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 April 14th Chapter Luncheon and USO program, with C.A.R., will be at The William Penn Inn, Route 202 & Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd – please RSVP by April 1st.

Jackie Carter made a motion to allocate the tombola funds to benefit the USO building being built in Pittsburgh. Linda Donaldson seconded the motion. Regent, Holly Hayick, passed the motion, with all in favor and none opposed.

Samantha is helping the Missouri DAR plan a trip to Philadelphia on their way to Continental Congress in June.

Invitations for the May 20th shared luncheon for the State Regent and Washington Crossing are in process of being designed. No regular meeting will be scheduled for May.

Samantha shared helpful tips for navigating the upcoming State Conference and encouraged all to attend.

The June meeting will be held at Sue Johnston's house. The program will include a discussion of DNA, presented by Shannon Bennet, VADAR.

➤ **Chaplain** – Jennifer Cherry

Chaplain, Jennifer Cherry, shared a reminder to please let her know of others that may benefit from prayers / assistance.

➤ **Treasurer** – Diane Hustead

Treasurer, Diane Hustead, reported A balance of \$ 5,565.71, as of February 28, 2018.

Donations for the Patriot Recognition Project (to recognize 32 patriots at Wentz Church in the future) has reached \$260 to-date.

The board will meet to discuss the allocation of extra funds, including donations towards Rucksacks to Backpacks.

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

Vice Regent, Samantha Freise, reported the following statistics on behalf of Sue Johnston.

Total members: 103

Pending members: 2 pending in Washington

Harrisburg document orders are experiencing a delay of about 6 months.

➤ **Historian** – Erna Fenchel

Historian, Erna Fenchel, shared updates for the Patriot Recognition Project – for the recognition of 32 patriots interred at Wentz Church, Lansdale. The NSDAR has completed approving 31 of the 32 patriots so far – one approval is pending. A ceremony is tentatively planned for Saturday, October 13, 2018. Remembrance plaque bids are in process (4-5+).

➤ **Librarian** – Linda Donaldson, reports filed

Librarian, Linda Donaldson, shared the upcoming updates for the Towamencin Book Club.

***Book:** The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss, and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home by Denise Kiernan*

***Location:** Wendy Kelly's House*

***Date & Time:** March 19th, 7:00 PM*

The Lending Library is at 35 books. A ballot was passed to vote on the next book to donate to the NSDAR library on behalf of Sara.

For future borrowing requests, please email Linda and she will bring the requested books to the April / next meeting.

Reports of Committees

➤ **American History** – Heather Wassel

Heather Wassel notified the American History State Chair of the chapter essay winners.

Certificates will be presented at the Germantown Academy on Thursday, April 5th, at 2:00 PM.

- **Americanism & the Flag of the United States** – Carole Bishop
Flag Minute – Carole Bishop read the minute regarding Tippecanoe and Tyler too, which was about the election motto for William Henry Harrison.

- **C.A.R.** – Sue Johnston, reported by Samantha Hennenfent Freise
C.A.R. State conference is in March, where next year's officers will get voted into office.

- **DAR Service for Veterans** – Jennifer Bindas McMonagle
Jennifer Bindas McMonagle and Holly Hayick will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, March 18th at 1:20 PM at the Spring City Veterans' Center. This includes the \$100 donation from the State Regent. Additional attendees will include Beth Lentz and Joan LaMonica. Please see Holly, Jen or Beth to carpool / coordinate.

- **Literacy** – Linda Donaldson, report filed
Linda Donaldson reported the Read Across America initiative will look for volunteering in late May, incorporating patriotic themes. Pam Martino has contacts through the Souderton school district, and Linda is working with Wendy Kelly to get our foot in the door of A.M. Kulp Elementary in Hatfield, part of North Penn School District. More on this as plans evolve.

Linda continues to participate as an individual with the Montgomery County Literacy Network. Linda has been tasked with providing business card designs to the board for voting. The cards will feature the website, hotline number, and a list of their three main literacy services: Learn English, High School Diploma, and Adult Basic Education. The intention is that the cards could be handed out to the library and social service patrons as well as parents at IEP meetings facilitated by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU). The layouts will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting on April 9th.

➤ **Project Patriot** – Joan LaMonica

Holly Hayick extended gratitude to members that brought donations for the “Rucksacks to Backpacks” – for items to collect and bring to the March meeting to help build backpacks for children of military families, sponsored by the USO.

Anniversary Certificate: Mary Martino – 10 Years

New Business

➤ **Budget Modifications** – Diane Hustead presented the following suggestions for budget modifications that will not impact the original target expenditures.

- *Towamencin Chapter Soda Cozies for Veteran Events, \$100, March 2018*
- *Community Classroom, \$200, May 2018 or Fall 2018*
- *Project Patriot, \$2,500, October 2018*

Diana Reborn made a motion to accept the above proposal for 3 budget modifications.

Bonnie Marino seconded the motion. Regent, Holly Hayick, passed the motion, with all in favor and none opposed.

Jackie Carter made a motion to add a budget modification for a sound system, up to \$500 at the most. Mary DiDomizio seconded the motion. Members expressed 21 approvals and 7 opposed. Vice Regent, Samantha Hennenfent Freise, declared the motion passed with a majority vote.

➤ **Continental Congress Delegates, June 2018** – Marian Helinsky moved to vote the following as the 3 delegates for the Continental Congress: Joan Cossman, Sue Johnston, and Jennifer Cherry. Diana Reborn seconded the motion. Regent, Holly Hayick, passed the motion, with all in favor and none opposed.

➤ **Memorial Day Parade** – Please join the chapter in the Memorial’s Day Parade in Lansdale, on Monday, May 28th. Diane Hustead will offer a van escort during the parade and then host a picnic following the parade at her house. Attire will be red, white, and blue or living history themes.

Announcements

Thank you to hostesses: Peggy Sellers, Meg Updike, Samantha Hennenfent Freise, Jennifer Cherry & Sara Natali.

Today's Program: Community Service / New Members & New Horizons Courses

Speakers: Jennifer Cherry & Sara Natali

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 14, 2018, William Penn Inn

Program: USO

Speaker: Deb Shepard, State Chair National Defense

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 PM

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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