



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

Minutes

Meeting: June 9, 2018

Place: Sue Johnston's House

Attendance: (19)

Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Denise Bohl, Eleanor Cobb, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Rosemary Forsythe, Margie Gehlhaus, Holly Hayick, Sue Johnston, Sally Jones, Beth Lentz, Bonnie Marino, Pam Martino, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Shirley Sargent, Helen Schwartz, Charlene Souders.

Guests: (1)

Carolyn Crowe.

Opening Rituals

The meeting of the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, was called to order by Regent, Holly Hayick, at 10:45 A.M.

Opening Ritual followed:

DAR Ritual

Pledge of Allegiance

American's Creed

God Bless America

President General's Message was read by Margie Gehlhaus.

The National Defender was read by Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle.

Minutes from the last meeting were posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members Website.

Minutes were approved as posted.

Reports of Officers

➤ **Vice Regent** – Samantha Freise, read by Holly Hayick

The Christ Church Gate Dedication, sponsored by the Towamencin Chapter with the grant won from NSDAR, is scheduled for July 14, 2018, at 4:00 PM. All are welcome. Dinner will follow at the City Tavern at 5:30 PM. Please stay tuned for further details.

➤ **Treasurer** – Diane Hustead, read by Holly Hayick

The Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, has a balance of \$5,217, as of May 31, 2018.

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

Sue Johnston, reported the following membership statistics.

Total members: 106

Pending members: 6 pending in Washington

Reinstated members: 2

This brings the membership to potentially 114 for around September 2018.

New member, Ethel Brannon, was inducted during a home visit.

➤ **Historian** – Erna Fenchel

*Erna Fenchel, shared updates for the Patriot Recognition Project – for the recognition of 32 patriots interred at Wentz Church, Lansdale. Monthly meetings with the church are in process to plan the ceremony for **Saturday, October 13, 2018, 10:00 AM**. Samantha Freise created an invitation that will be sent shortly. Please consider attending, all are welcome.*

Special committees are in process and we are looking for volunteers to assist with favors, communications, wreath, public relations / media, and various activities to help with planning for and conducting the recognition ceremony.

Attire may include hats, gloves, and standard NSDAR dress guidelines, including reenactment / living history attire if preferred.

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

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

Book: *The First Emancipator: The Forgotten Story of Robert Carter, the Founding Father Who Freed His Slaves* by Andrew Levy

Location: *Diane Husted's House*

Date & Time: *Monday, June 25, 7:00 PM*

Our book club met historically on March 19, 2018, at Wendy Kelly's house and discussed

The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss, and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home by Denise Kiernan. *On May 21, 2018, the club met at Sue Johnston's home to discuss **My Dear Hamilton** by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie.*

Even if you cannot be with us at a book club meeting, please let lindadonaldson@verizon.net know if you would like to be added to our mailings for future book club meetings. We welcome suggestions for future book titles.

Our Lending Library is at 35 books.

*DAR National library acknowledged our donation of **A Goodly Heritage** by Mary Chase in memory of Sara Lebengood Vonderheid. Our list of the remaining three books available for donation in the future is also on the chapter website.*

For future borrowing requests, please email lindadonaldson@verizon.net and Linda will bring the requested books to the next meeting.

Reports of Committees

➤ **Americanism & the Flag of the United States** – Carole Bishop

Flag Minute – *Helen Schwartz read the minute, regarding the first African-American recipient of the Medal of Honor, William Carney, who was honored for his actions with the Massachusetts 45th Regiment at the Battle of Ft. Wagner in South Carolina in July 1863, during the War Between the States. Carney, who was severely wounded, picked up the American flag of his unit's slain flag bearer and led the troops in the assault.*

Sue Johnston shared the reminder to observe Flag Day on June 14, 2018.

➤ **C.A.R.** – Sue Johnston

The next meeting for the Towamencin Society, C.A.R., is Sunday, June 10, 2018, at 2:00 PM at the Y in Harleysville.

The State and National projects include a Veterans Breakfast Club, where the children are looking for volunteer hours to help local Veterans.

At the National C.A.R. conference, the Towamencin Society won 8 awards, and Abby and Holly came in 2nd and 3rd places, respectively.

➤ **AIC** – Sue Johnston

Please consider attending the Champagne High Tea on Sunday, November, 18, 2018, at noon at The Country House at Bluestone, Blue Bell, PA. Proceeds benefit the American Indian Committee projects for the Chemewa and Bacone schools.

➤ **Literacy** – Linda Donaldson, report filed

Linda Donaldson reported on the reading initiatives from May.

*Pam Martino and Linda scheduled readings in late May near Memorial Day of books with a patriotic theme. Pam procured hardcover copies of *The Poppy Lady* and *The Wall* for both the A.M. Kulp Elementary classes in Hatfield and for the Vernfield Elementary classes in Harleysville. At A.M. Kulp Elementary, Diana Rehborn, Linda, plus two of Linda's neighbors, read *The Poppy Lady* to four 2nd grade classes and one 3rd grade class. In addition, we read *The Wall* to three 1st grade classes on Monday, May 21, 2018. We left copies of the books in each classroom.*

*Pam Martino, Sue Johnston, and Linda read *The Poppy Lady* to seven classrooms on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. We left copies in the library for the Vernfield students.*

Holly Hayick made a motion for the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, to refund Pam Martino for the 12 books donated for the school readings, for a total of \$207.84. Erna Fenchel seconded the motion. Regent, Holly Hayick, passed the motion, with all in favor and none opposed.

Linda Donaldson joined the Montgomery County Literacy Network's board as a director. Linda will provide business card designs to the board that 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 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 August 6, 2018.

Memorial: Sara Vonderheid

Anniversary Certificate: Beth Lentz – 20 Years

Old Business

- ***PSSDAR State Conference (spring)*** – Holly Hayick shared the certificates awarded to the Chapter for the Historic Sites & Properties Database (with help from Samantha Freise for the first Christ Church Gate Grant coordination) and a second certificate for the Patriots Records indexing hours.

New Business

- ***PSSDAR Fall Meeting*** – Please consider attending the PSSDAR Fall Meeting in Harrisburg, on Saturday, September 29, 2018, from 8:45 AM - 2:30 PM. RSVP by Wednesday, September 12, 2018. Central Hotel Harrisburg reservations are available if made prior to Tuesday, August 28, 2018.

Announcements

Thank you to all the hostesses for the potluck luncheon.

Today's Program: DNA & the DAR

Speakers: Sue Johnston

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 8, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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