



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

Minutes

Meeting: February 9, 2019

Place: Indian Valley Library, Telford

Attendance: (28)

Jennifer Bindas, Carole Bishop, Jennifer Cherry, Joan Cossman, Linda Donaldson, Martha Foote, Rosemary Forsythe, Samantha Hennenfent Freise, Margie Gehlhaus, Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Dale Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Molly Jager, Susanne Johnston, Wendy Kelly, Joan LaMonica, Beth Lentz, Bonnie Marino, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Diana Rehorn, Shirley Sargent, Helen Schwartz, Joanne Shupe, Charlene Souders, Heather Wassel, Jeanne Wolff.

Guests: (8)

NSDAR VPG Bobbi McMullen, PSSDAR District Director Sara Jane McCurdy, PSSDAR Historic Preservation Chair Tracy DeJonge, Joanne Cowles, Lisa Mosey, Dana Pfister, Jamie Trumbauer, Bonnie Williams.

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

America the Beautiful

Guest Introductions was performed by Holly Hayick, recognizing the distinguished guests, NSDAR VPG Bobbi McMullen, PSSDAR District Director Sara Jane McCurdy, and PSSDAR Historic Preservation Chair Tracy DeJonge. In addition, Sue Johnston welcomed prospective members.

President General's Message was read by Samantha Freise.

National Defense Report was read by Helen Schwartz.

Flag Minute was read by Carole Bishop, titled: Francis Hopkinson or Betsy Ross.

Indian Minute was read by Sue Johnston, titled: WWI Code Talkers.

Conservation Minute was read by Diana Rehborn, titled: Forecasting Weather Folklore.

Minutes from the December 2018 meeting were posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members Website. Minutes were approved as posted, seconded by Diana Rehborn.

Reports

➤ **Vice Regent** – Samantha Freise

Samantha shared the following programs highlights.

State Conference – April 25 – 27 at the Doubletree in King of Prussia, PA.

The conference will include the election of new State Officers, with the registration being available February 10th.

The Towamencin Chapter will be hosting the State Dinner on Saturday, April 27th – please volunteer to help with centerpieces, greeting guests, etc. Contact Samantha for details.

Annual Towamencin Luncheon – April 13th, 11:00 AM – please stay tuned for invites.

➤ **Chaplain** – Jennifer Cherry

Jennifer shared Get Well wishes for Shirley Sargent. Shirley was in attendance and expressed gratitude for all of the Get Well wishes received.

➤ **Treasurer** – Diane Hustead

Diane reported a balance of \$ 4,015.73, as of January 31, 2019.

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

Sue reported the following statistics.

Total members: 115

Pending members: 4 pending in Washington

- **Historian** – Erna Fenchel

Absent.

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

Linda shared the upcoming updates for the Towamencin Book Club.

Book: *Inheritance*

Location: *Heather Wassel's House*

Date & Time: *March 25th, 7:00 PM*

The Lending Library is at 35 books.

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

Awards Presented

- *Joan Cossman – Historic Preservation Recognition Award – received pin and certificate, presented by VPG Bobbi McMullen.*
- *Sara Natali – Outstanding Junior for Towamencin Chapter – received pin and certificate, presented by Samantha Freise.*

New Business

- **PSSDAR Historic Preservation Award**

Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, won 1st place for the dedication and recognition of the patriots at Wentz Church in October 2018, presented by PSSDAR Historic Preservation Chair, Tracy DeJonge.

- **Rucksacks to Backpacks**

*Please bring donations to the **March** meeting – donations may include backpacks and school supplies. Monetary donations are also appreciated. This will help to benefit the Liberty USO and children of military members. The backpacks will be filled and delivered to the PSSDAR State Conference in April.*

Margie Gehlhaus put a motion on the floor for Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, to donate \$200 towards supplies for Rucksacks to Backpacks. Jenn Cherry seconded the motion. The motion carried, with all in favor.

➤ ***2nd Vice Regent By Laws Amendment***

Margie Gehlhaus put a motion on the floor for Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, to augment the chapter by-laws to add the position of a 2nd Vice Regent, responsible for overseeing Committees and backing up duties of the 1st Vice Regent and Regent. Diana Rehborn seconded the motion. The motion carried, with all in favor.

➤ ***State Conference Delegates***

The following 20 people, with an alternate, will represent the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, as delegates at the PSSDAR State Conference in April 25th – 27th.

Holly Hayick, Samantha Freise, Sue Johnston, Joan Cossman, Erna Fenchel, Carla Blumenfeld, Sara Natali, Margie Gehlhaus, Joan LaMonica, Diana Rehborn, Heather Wassel, Marion Helinsky, Jenn Cherry, Diane Hustead, Karen Reed, Molly Jager, Martha Foote, Charlene Souders, Wendy Kelly, Linda Donaldson, with Carole Bishop as an alternate.

➤ ***Conservation Project/Materials for Next Meeting***

Diana Rehborn requested - Please bring cardboard egg cartons for a project during the next meeting to make portable pollinators to grow flowers at home to help the bees.

➤ ***Thank You Veterans Cards***

Please see Joan LaMonica for cards to distribute.

Announcements

Thank you to hostess(es): Carol DiJoseph.

Today's Program: Plagues of the Patriots

Speaker: Charlene Saunders

Upcoming Programs:

March 9th 10:30 AM – Bees and You, Tim Cherry, Indian Valley Library

April 13th 11:00 AM – Annual Spring Luncheon, William Penn Inn

May 11th 10:30 AM – D-Day, TBD, Indian Valley Library

June 8th 10:30 AM – Wonderful Wool, Heckler Plains, 237 Landis Rd., Lower Salford, PA

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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