



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

Minutes

Meeting: May 11, 2019

Place: Indian Valley Library, Telford

Attendance: (31)

Susan Bergey, Carole Bishop, Jennifer Cherry, Joan Cossman, JoAnne Cowles, Erna Fenchel, Rosemary Forsythe, Samantha Hennenfent Freise, Margie Gehlhaus, Patricia Hallman, Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Emma Hodgson, Dale Hoppe, Molly Jager, Susanne Johnston, Meghan LaBadie, Joan LaMonica, Lisa Madsen, Bonnie Marino, Pam Martino, Carol Morrell, Lisa Mozi, Sara Natali, Karen Reed, Diana Rehborn, Shirley Sargent, Beth Semon, Joanne Shupe, Heather Wassel, Jeanne Wolff.

Guests: (6)

Linda Huadt, Betsy Kramer, Susan Kull, Betsy Nordane, Dana Pfiste, Jane Sharkey.

Opening Rituals

The meeting of the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, was called to order by Regent, Holly Hayick, at 10:30 A.M.

Opening Ritual followed.

DAR Ritual

Pledge of Allegiance

American's Creed

Star Spangled Banner

Guest Introductions were performed by Sue Johnston.

President General's Message was read by Beth Semon.

National Defense Report was read by Margie Gehlhaus.

Flag Minute was read by Carole Bishop, titled: Sons of Liberty Flag.

Conservation Minute was read by Diana Rehborn, titled: Plastic Bags.

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

Reports

➤ **Vice Regent** – Samantha Hennenfent Freise

Thank you to those that attended and helped with the State Banquet at the State Conference on April 25 – 27 at the Doubletree in King of Prussia, PA. Thank you also to those that served as Pages: Jenn Cherry, Sara Natali, Diana Reborn, and Samantha Hennenfent Freise. This was the most we had in attendance and the most we had serving as 4 Pages.

➤ **Chaplain** – Jennifer Cherry

No report.

➤ **Treasurer** – Diane Husted

Holly Hayick reported a balance of \$ 2,328.99, as of April 30, 2019.

Samantha Hennenfent Freise put a motion on the floor for the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, to donate \$250 to the EMC Library. Joan Cossman seconded the motion. The motion carried, with all in favor.

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

Sue reported the following statistics.

Total members: 119

Pending members: 3 pending in Washington

➤ **Historian** – Erna Fenchel

Erna shared certificate(s) received for the Wentz Church project from October 2018.

1st place PSSDAR Commemorative Events

➤ **Librarian** – Linda Donaldson

Holly Hayick shared the upcoming updates for the Towamencin Book Club.

***Book:** Killers of the Flower Moon*

***Location:** Diane Husted's House*

***Date & Time:** September 9th, 7:00 PM*

Old Business

➤ ***PSSDAR State Conference – April 25 – 27 Recap***

Samantha Hennenfent Freise shared that the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, was reported in the State Regent and Vice Regent Reports for the work for the Wentz Church project.

Sue Johnston reported on two additional awards received:

2018 Team Awesome Trekker Level

2016 – 2019 Team Awesome Trailblazer Level

➤ ***American Indian Committee – Sue Johnston***

Chemawa has completed the campaign for the purchase of bedding for students for over \$3,000 donated. Please stay tuned for future donations requested for the purchase of towels.

AIC Luncheon 2019 – November 3, 2019, Bethlehem, Blue Grill – stay tuned for details

➤ ***National Defense – Joan LaMonica***

Rucksacks to Backpacks – *Thank you for the backpacks and school supplies donations.*

ROTC Awards – *2 Junior ROTC awards were presented to North Penn High School.*

Thank You Veterans Cards – *Please see Joan LaMonica for cards to distribute – May is Military Appreciation month.*

➤ **C.A.R. – Jenn Cherry**

State Conference

3 members participated as Color Bearers

2 members participated as Pages

3 members were elected State Officers

Awards Received at State:

State Gold Merit

Most Outstanding Society

Most Outstanding Member - Holly Marx, Society President

7 1st Place Contests

2 2nd Place Contests

2 Honorable Mentions

2 Individual Awards - Holly Marx & William Moran

National Convention

1 member participated as a Color Bearer

Awards Received at National:

1 1st Place Contest

1 2nd Place Contest

1 3rd Place Contest

1 Honorable Mention

PSSDAR State Conference

Society President Holly Marx volunteered at the PA C.A.R. table in the Exhibit Room with State President Emerson Sites-Byers. They also led the C.A.R. Creed at Friday's Opening Night Ceremony.

Upcoming C.A.R. Events

Sunday, June 2nd 9 AM - 3 PM Liberty USO Family Day

Sunday, June 9th 1 - 4 PM Special Meeting & Pool Party with State President Emerson Sites-Byers

Saturday, September 21st Ferry Farm Day Trip

More details coming soon for those who express interest.

Please contact Jennifer Cherry at Lbrty1776@gmail.com or 484-535-1140.

New Business

➤ ***Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 27, 2019 – Joan LaMonica***

We will meet at the corner of Cannon and Main Streets in Lansdale, at the 711, at 8:30 AM. Samantha Hennenfent Freise will bring the Chapter flags. Marion Helinsky offered to drive a vehicle during the parade for those that cannot walk long distances. Dress code is Red, White, and Blue or Colonial attire. Sara Natali will post on the Chapter website if the parade is cancelled.

➤ ***PSSDAR State Project – Donation Towards Alpha Bravo Canine – Holly Hayick***

Alpha Bravo Canine is a non-profit organization based in Doylestown, to coordinate the training and care of Service Animals for Veterans. Donations help with food, health care, and training for 2 years.

Pam Martino put a motion on the floor for Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, to donate \$200 to the PSSDAR State Project towards Alpha Bravo Canine. JoAnne Cowles seconded the motion. The motion carried, with all in favor.

➤ ***Hamilton Jewelers Future Contract – Samantha Hennenfent Freise***

The 2020 contract for the Insignia pins with Hamilton Jewelers is due to renew soon for 2020. NSDAR is proposing an alternative to using an in-house service to oversee and manufacture the pins. Samantha will forward background information via email. Please stay tuned to voice a preferred direction at the Towamencin Chapter June 8th Meeting. Joan Cossman and Diana Reborn will represent the Chapter while voting as delegates at the Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., in late June 2019.

➤ ***April 2020 Towamencin Chapter Luncheon – Samantha Hennenfent Freise***

A poll was taken and the majority preferred to schedule the luncheon on the Saturday of the weekend prior to Easter 2020.

New Members Inducted

Susan Bergey

JoAnne Cowles

Emma Hodgson

Lisa Mozi

New Officers Elected

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Carole Bishop, presented the slate of candidates for the 2019 - 2022 term. As there were no nominations from the floor, all nominees were elected by voice vote. Installation of new officers will take place at the June meeting.

Following is the list of new officers:

<i>Regent</i>	<i>Samantha Hennenfent Freise</i>
<i>First Vice Regent</i>	<i>Susanne Johnston</i>
<i>Second Vice Regent</i>	<i>Margie Gehlhaus</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Marian Helinsky</i>
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	<i>Joan LaMonica</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Heather Wassel</i>
<i>Registrar</i>	<i>Melissa Vaks</i>
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	<i>Jennifer Cherry</i>
<i>Historian</i>	<i>Diana Rehborn</i>
<i>Librarian</i>	<i>Meghan LaBadie</i>

Announcements

Thank you to hostess(es): Holly Hayick and Samantha Hennenfent Freise.

Today's Program: D-Day by Emily Rubinfeld

Upcoming Programs:

*June 8, 2019 10:30 AM Towamencin Chapter Potluck & Wonderful Wool
Heckler Plains, 237 Landis Rd., Lower Salford, PA*

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 PM

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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