



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

Minutes

Meeting: June 08, 2019

Place: Heckler Plains, Lower Salford, PA

Attendance: (25)

Susan Bergey, Carole Bishop, Jennifer Cherry, Eleanor Cobb, Linda Donaldson, Martha Foote, Samantha Hennenfent Freise, Margie Gehlhaus, Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Emma Hodgson, Dale Hoppe, Susanne Johnston, Sally Jones, Joan LaMonica, Bonnie Marino, Pam Martino, Jennifer Bindas McMonagle, Sara Natali, Karen Reed, Diana Rehborn, Shirley Sargent, Helen Schwartz, Heather Wassel, Jeanne Wolff.

Guests: (7)

Judi Biederman, Linda Hoade, Dana Pfiste, Mary Hennenfent, Greg Hennenfent, Judy Shields, Tim Freise.

Opening Rituals

After a presentation of the brief history of Heckler Plains, 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

The American's Creed

Star Spangled Banner

Guest Introductions were performed by Sue Johnston.

President General's Message was read by Samantha Hennenfent Freise.

National Defense Report was read by Margie Gehlhaus.

Flag Minute was read by Carole Bishop, titled: Martin Van Buren.

Conservation Minute was read by Diana Rehborn, titled: Dial It Down / Turn It Off.

Minutes from the previous meeting(s) were posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members Website. Sue Johnston put a motion on the floor to accept the minutes as posted. Diana Rehborn seconded the motion. The motion carried, with all in favor.

Reports

➤ **Vice Regent** – Samantha Hennenfent Freise

No report.

➤ **Chaplain** – Jennifer Cherry

No report.

➤ **Treasurer** – Diane Hustead

Holly Hayick reported a balance of \$ 2,089.81, as of May 31, 2019.

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

Sue reported the following statistics.

Total members: 119

Pending members: 5, with 3 in Washington, D. C., 2 in the mail

➤ **Historian** – Erna Fenchel

No report.

➤ **Librarian** – Linda Donaldson

Linda shared that the lending library has 36 books and the upcoming updates for the Towamencin Book Club. Please see the members website for the lending library and an additional 6 books available for donation to the DAR library, when applicable.

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

***Location:** Diane Hustead's House*

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

Old Business

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

Samantha stated the 2020 contract for the Insignia pins with Hamilton Jewelers is due to renew soon for February 2020. NSDAR is proposing an alternative to using an in-house service to oversee and manufacture the pins. Samantha asked members for a preferred direction to provide to the Chapter Delegates (Joan Cossman and Diana Rehborn) for voting at the Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., in late June 2019.

Diana Rehborn put a motion on the floor to instruct the Chapter Delegates to vote in favor of keeping Hamilton Jewelers as the manufacturer of NSDAR Insignia Pins (Jewelry). Shirley Sargent seconded the motion. The motion carried, with all in favor.

New Business

➤ ***DAR Schools – Eleanor Cobb***

Eleanor will be collecting pajamas for elementary school ages for Crossnore in the fall. Please stay tuned.

➤ ***Literacy – Linda Donaldson***

Linda reviewed Literacy reports – see reports filed, following minutes

➤ ***Upcoming Events – Holly Hayick***

July 4, 2019 – 4th of July Parade, Skippack – C.A.R. – Jennifer Cherry, Holly Hayick will offer water and watermelon at the end of the parade at Key Bank

September 14, 2019 – next Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, meeting

September 14, 2019 – Constitution Week / Debutante Ball, Double Tree Hilton, Valley Forge

September 28, 2019 – PSSDAR Fall Meeting, Harrisburg PA

➤ ***Dues and NSDAR By-Law Changes – Samantha Hennenfent Freise***

The following will be voted on during Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., in late June 2019.

- *An increase in the National dues from \$40 to \$42.00*
- *An increase to Life Membership Dues from \$1,000 to \$1,200 (If you are not over the age of 65, you can pay that fee now, but you will need to pay National, Chapter, and State dues until you reach the age of 65.)*

➤ ***Certificates Awarded***

Eleanor Cobb – *Overseeing Christmas drives for Crossnore children*

Pam Martino – *Running classroom funds drives for EMC Elementary School*

Jackie Carter – *Coordinating generous donations to Crossnore and Rucksacks to backpacks*

Charlene Souders – *Participating in Wentz’s UCC Church Patriot Dedication in October 2018*

Jennifer Bindas McMonagle – *Volunteering many hours at Spring City Veterans Center*

Joan LaMonica – *Volunteering and coordinating the Rucksacks to backpacks, RTOC Medals, Memorial Day Parade May 2019, and participating in Wentz’s UCC Church Patriot Dedication in October 2018*

Linda Donaldson – *Volunteering for Literacy efforts/events and coordinating the Towamencin Book Club and reading days at area schools*

Margie Gehlhaus – *Leading ceremony choreography and additional collaborations for Wentz’s UCC Church Patriot Dedication in October 2018*

Erna Fenchel – *Coordinating details for the overall project for the patriot dedications and submitting the entry for the Chapter to win 1st place NSDAR Commemorative Events for Wentz’s UCC Church Patriot Dedication in October 2018*

Jennifer Cherry – *Overseeing the Chapter’s private Facebook page, Chapter Chaplain, and volunteering at various DAR/C.A.R. events*

Marian Helinsky – *Winning 3rd place for the NSDAR American Heritage contest, and volunteering for various parades and DAR/C.A.R. events*

➤ **New Elected Officers Installations**

Holly Hayick oversaw the installation of the new officers.

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>

➤ ***Gift to Past Regent – Samantha Hennenfent Freise***

Samantha presented a gift, the Past Regent pin, to Holly Hayick from the Chapter, for Holly's service over the past 3 years as the Chapter Regent.

➤ ***Parliamentarian – Samantha Hennenfent Freise***

Samantha selected (appointed) Sara Natali as the Parliamentarian for the next term.

Announcements

Thank you to all for the Towamencin Pot Luck.

Today's Program: Wonderful Wool, Judi Biederman, Regent of Washington Crossing, PSSDAR Chair Constitution Debutante Ball, PSSDAR Chair Newsletter

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 14, 2019 10:30 AM

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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

Reports Filed:

Library Committee Report – June 8, 2019 – Linda Donaldson, Chapter Librarian

Our library collection has a total of 36 volumes. We also have a list of six available books for donation to the NSDAR library in memory or honor of someone. Both these lists appear on our chapter website.

It has been my distinct privilege to serve as your librarian these last three years. Our collection has grown, we've donated books to our national library, and have begun a book club which meets approximately every two months on Monday evenings at participants homes. We have read books of fiction, historical fiction and memoirs.

With the assistance of Pam Martino we have participated in several Read Aloud programs in both Souderton and North Penn school district's elementary schools sharing both Dr. Seuss and many patriotic titles. As a result, our chapter has donated over 20 hardcopy books to local school libraries.

At Pam's suggestion we donated the proceeds of our Spring tombola, to the E. M. Crouthamel Elementary School library.

I congratulate and welcome Meghan LeBadie as our new librarian. Please borrow books and join our book club reading group. Take advantage of all opportunities to share reading and learning with our communities.

Literacy Committee Report – June 8, 2019 – Linda Donaldson

The Montgomery County Literacy Network [MCLN] technology committee of which I am a member has now completed their updated website design.

As co-director of MCLN's Public Relations committee, my next task is to prepare a proposal for establishing an online Word Press blog platform for the Network.

Now that I'm leaving the Librarianship in such able hands, I plan to concentrate on the Literacy Committee to create more opportunities for our Daughters to help combat illiteracy in any way we can:

Here are but a few suggestions:

1. book drives for shelters and nursing homes
2. volunteering to read or record for the blind
3. mentor or teach English as a second language
4. tutor at-risk students
5. educate the public about literacy
6. celebrate the achievements of GED graduations and citizenship with ceremonies.

Join me if you have an interest in any of these initiatives.