

MINUTES

Meeting: September 14, 2019 Place: Indian Valley Public Library

Attendance: (37)

Samantha Freise. Margie Gehlhaus, Diane Hustead, Valerie Neidich, Charlene Souders, Martha Foote, Elizabeth Semon, Eleanor Cobb, Wendy Kelly, Jeanne Wolff, Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Dale Hoppe, Susanne Johnston, Bonnie Marino, Margaret Sellers, Patricia Henry, Carole Bishop, Susan Bergey, Barbara Knasiak, Carol Bowe, Barbara Evelyn, Rosemary Forsythe, Kathryn LaBadie, Lisa Madsen, Carol Morrell, Lisa Mozi, Dana Pfister, Carolyn Channell, Shirley Sargent, Jamie Wampole Trumbauer, Heather Wassel, Sara Natali, and Melissa Vaks.

Guests: (3) Katia Pfister, Ken Pfister, and Clint Hawk.

OPENING EXERCISES

The meeting of the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, was called to order by Regent, Samantha Freise at 10:35 AM.

Guests were welcomed by Samantha followed by the Opening Rituals:

DAR Ritual and Prayer led by Chaplain, Marian Helinsky Pledge of Allegiance The American's Creed Star Bangled Banner

President General's Message read by Samantha Freise.

National Defense Minute read by Samantha Freise: Military Working Animals.

American Indian Minute read by Susanne Johnston: "The Snyder Act of 1924."

DAR School's Minute read by Marian Helinsky: Berry College founded by Martha Berry. Martha Berry devoted her life to opening schools to help poor children.

Constitution Minute read by Marie Shipley: 'The 21st Amendment"

Conservation Minute: No Straw September

Flag Minute read by Beth Semon: The first time the American Flag made a trip around the world on the ship Columbia - September 30,1787 to August 10, 1790.

Women's Issue Minute addressed by Susanne Johnston: October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Topic to be addressed by speakers at our October meeting. Wear purple to raise awareness.

Minutes from the June 2019 meeting: A motion was made by Sara Natali to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Valerie Neidich. The motion carried with all in favor.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

• **Regent:** Samantha Freise

Constitution Day and Fall Meeting address

• 1st Vice Regent - Susanne Johnston

Sue shared information on the Youth Citizenship Awards; open to students in grades 5 to 11. Information has been distributed to the guidance counselors in the Wissahickon, Souderton Area, and North Penn School Districts.

• 2nd Vice Regent - Margie Gehlhaus

Margie reminded members that The Chatter, the Committee Newsletter, would be sent monthly. Please let her know if you are not receiving.

Members encouraged to participate in the committees.

• Chaplain - Marian Helinsky

Birthday greetings were sent to our Chapters eldest member, Ethel Brannon (97), by our State Chaplain and our Chapter.

Get well cards were sent to: Linda Brad, Janet Gross, JoAnne Cowles, Charlene Souders, and Rebecca Rinehimer.

A congratulations card was sent to Melissa Louy on the birth of her daughter.

A sympathy card was sent to Janet Gross for the passing of her sister, a DAR member of the Great Valley Chapter.

A Thinking of You card was sent to Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle as she cares for family members.

· Corresponding Secretary - Jennifer Cherry

No report

• Treasurer - Heather Wassel

Reminder to members that annual dues are due.

Heather reported a balance of \$2796.26 as of August 31, 2019.

Donations were made to Alpha Bravo Canine, President General's Project, and KDS School.

The budget for 2019-2020 was voted on. A motion to approve the budget was made by Margie Gehlhaus and seconded by Shirley Sargent. The motion passed with all in favor. The treasurers report has been filed for audit.

• Registrar - Melissa Vaks

Melissa reported the following statistics:

Total Members: 112 New Members: 2 Transfered Out: 12 Prospective Members - 12 Supplementals pending: N/A

· Historian - no report

· Librarian - Meghan LaBadie

Books were donated to the DAR Library in honor of Librarian General, Cynthia B.

Sweeney and State Regent, Elizabeth Watkins.

Books are available to borrow.

The next Book Club meeting is Oct 21 at Linda Donaldson's home.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

American Indians and Constitution Week - Susanne Johnston

Sue invited members to the AIC Luncheon hosted by the state American Indian Committee on November 3, 2019. Registration is due by Oct 25. Members were also reminded to attend the Constitution Day Celebration at the Montgomery County Courthouse on September 17. The bells will ring across America at 4:00 PM celebrating the 232nd anniversary of the Constitution.

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The next meeting is Sunday, October 13 at 2:00 PM.

· **Commemorative Events** - Erna Fenchel

Wreaths Across America December 14, 2019 at Wentz UCC.

• FLAG of the United States - Beth Semon

During Constitution week Susanne Johnston will be giving gift bags to the children at St Helena's School in Blue Bell. The Flag Committee has included gifts of flags, flag pins, and bookmarks with Flag etiquette.

Our Chapter has an inventory of Braille Flags. Please let Beth now if you know anyone who will benefit from receiving this flag.

• DAR Magazine - Carole Bishop

Carole distributed a survey about the American Spirit Magazine to the membership to answer the questions on the CMR.

Members were informed about subscriptions: chapters are rated on the percentage of members who subscribe in the "Spread the American Spirit" contest. Our Chapter has continually achieved the bronze level.

Members are encouraged to bring previous issues of American Spirit to meetings for distribution to other appropriate organizations.

A gift subscription to American Spirit makes a nice holiday or birthday present to friends and family members.

OLD BUSINESS

The results of the Insignia sales votes at Continental Congress were shared. Insignia sales will no longer be with Hamilton Jewelers after February 2020. Sales will start from the NSDAR in June 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

A 10 year Service Certificate was presented to Carol Bowe.

New members Jamie Wampole Trumbauer, Dana Pfister, and Carolyn Poole were inducted.

A Community Service Award will be awarded to Pam Martino by our Chapter on October 25, 2019 for her work with EMC Elementary School Library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Margie Gehlhaus, Heather Wassel and Lisa Madsen for hosting today's meeting.

PROGRAM - Welcome to the New Administration presented by Samantha Freise, Regent.

Next Meeting: Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10:30 AM.

The program will be Women Helping Women by representatives of Laurel House and Mitzvah Circle.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Minutes recorded by Sara Natali, Parliamentarian, for Recording Secretary, Joan LaMonica. Minutes typed and submitted by Joan LaMonica, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: February 8, 2020