



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

## Minutes

**Meeting:** October 12, 2019

**Place:** Indian Valley Public Library

**Attendance:** (30)

Samantha Freise, Sue Johnston, Marian Helinsky, Joan LaMonica, Heather Wassel, Jackie Carter, Jennifer Cherry, JoAnne Cowles, Carolyn Crowe, May DiDomizio, Linda Donaldson, Rosemary Forsythe, Janet Gross, Dale Hoppe, Diane Husted, Meghan LaBadie, Kathryn Landis, Esther Levito, Bonnie Marino, Jennifer McMonagle, Dana Pfister, Carolyn Poole, Shirley Sargent, Helen Swartz, Margaret Sellers, Joanne Shupe, Charlene Souders, Melissa Vaks, Lisa Madsen, Jennifer Bindas.

Guests: Kathryn Moran, CAR

### OPENING EXERCISES

The meeting of the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, was called to order by Regent, Samantha Freise at 10:30 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 Spangled Banner

**President General's Message** read by Samantha Freise.

**National Defense Report** read by Helen Swartz: "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

**American Indian Minute** read by Sue Johnston - "First Time for Native American Vote."

**DAR School's Minute** read by Marian Helinsky

**Flag Minute** read by Sue Johnston - "First Time Flag Goes Around the World."

September Meeting minutes incomplete at this time; approval and posting deferred to November meeting.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS

❖ **Regent: Samantha Freise**

Members thanked for the wreaths donated for Wreaths Across America. To date 25 have been purchased: our goal is 148. Ceremony will take place at Wentz United Church of

Christ at noon on December 14. This will be preceded by a meeting and holiday brunch in the Church: Christmas cards for Veterans will be made.

Checks for wreath purchases to be mailed to Heather Wassel.

Samantha thanked Carole Bishop for her donation, on behalf of our Chapter, of a framed 1800's map to the National Historical Park.

❖ **1st Vice Regent:** Sue Johnston

Sue reminded members of our National Day of Service on Oct 11. Commitments have been to volunteer at the Laurel House (domestic violence agency) the week of October 14. E mails have been sent to members for sign up.

Scent and Sip Social scheduled for Oct 25. Sign up sheets at today's meeting.

❖ **2nd Vice Regent:** absent

❖ **Chaplain:** Marian Helinsky - no report

❖ **Recording Secretary:** Joan LaMonica - no report

❖ **Corresponding Secretary:** Jennifer Cherry - no report

❖ **Treasurer:** Heather Wassel

Annual dues due by the end of November.

Heather reported a balance of \$4,023.15 as of Sept 30, 2019.

The treasurer's report has been filed for audit.

❖ **Registrar:** Melissa Vaks

Melissa reported 111 total members; no pending applications in Washington, and 18 prospective members.

❖ **Librarian:** Meghan Labadie

Book Club will be Oct 21 at Linda Donaldson's home. Book: Flight of the Sparrow by Amy Belding Brown.

❖ **Historian:** Diana Rehborn - absent

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**CAR:** Kathryn Moran

Kathryn spoke about NSCAR's 2019-20 focus on Foundations of Freedom: raising funds for a replica desk for George Washington's boyhood home, Ferry Farm - and implementing a web based educational program for Ferry Farm that would promote leadership development.

Towamencin NSCAR is selling holiday wreaths /Swags: a fundraiser to help with defraying costs of their upcoming Etiquette Dinner. Checks may be made to Towamencin Society, NSCAR and will be delivered to your home after Thanksgiving.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Outstanding Junior Contest**

At 11:00 AM 1st Vice Regent, Sue Johnston, assumed control of the meeting from Regent Samantha Freise. Sue advised the members that Samantha has been asked by the state to apply for the Outstanding Junior Contest this year.

A motion was made by Charlene Souder to nominate Samantha as our chapters Outstanding Junior. It was seconded by Lisa Madsen . The motion carried with all in favor.

At 11:07 AM Regent Samantha Freise resumed control of the meeting.

**Anniversary Certificates** were presented to two members.

Janet Gross was recognized with a framed certificate for her 65 years of service and as a founding member of the Towamencin Chapter She was also provided gifts crafted by the children of Crossnore School.

Esther Levito was recognized for ten years of service with a certificate.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to Jenn Cherry and Joanne Shupe for hosting today's meeting.

Reminder to members:

- \* We are collecting old issues of the American Spirit Magazine.
- \* Sign up to bring a dish to the Holiday Brunch at Wentz Church on Dec 14.
- \* Register for the PSSDAR American Indian Commemoration luncheon by Oct 25. Luncheon on Nov 3 and proceeds will support the students of Chemawa Indian School.

**PROGRAM: Women Helping Women**

Presented by Rachel Hurley of Mitzvah Circle (meeting the needs of those in crisis) and Tina Quincy of Laurel House (working to end domestic violence.)

Towamencin Chapter provided generous donations to each of these organizations.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 10:30 AM**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.**

**Minutes recorded and submitted by**

**Joan LaMonica, Recording Secretary**

**cc: Samantha Freise, Regent and Sue Johnston, 1st Vice Regent**

