



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

**Minutes  
Monthly Meeting**

**Meeting:** November 9, 2019

**Place:** Indian Valley Public Library

**Attendance:** (32)

Samantha Freise, Joan LaMonica, Susanne Johnston, Margie Gehlhaus, Marian Helinsky, Holly Hayick, Carole Bishop, Jamie Trumbauer, Charlene Souders, Elizabeth Semon, Barbara Evelyn, Rosemary Forsythe, Jeanne Wolff, Erna Fenchel, Patricia Hallman, Jackie Carter, Wendy Kelly, Patricia Henry, Shirley Sargent, Mary Rose DiDomizio, Meghan LaBadie, Lisa Mozi, Martha Foote, Bonnie Marino, Dana Pfister, Carolyn Poole-Channell, Dale Hoppe, Carolyn Crowe, JoAnne Cowles, Susan Bergey, Linda Donaldson, and Rachel Smith.

**Guests:** (5)

PSSDAR Membership Chairman, Sara Jane McCurdy,  
Prospective members: Marie Conver, Ingrid Offerback, Cathy Holnick, and Linda Hoade.

Samantha introduced special guest, Frank Keenan, a member of the former Copernicus Society of America. This organization had purchased 52 Liberty Bell replicas from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London for the 1987 200th anniversary of the Constitution. Mr. Keenan donated to our Chapter one of the 20 pound bells.

Samantha announced that this bell would be handed down through chapter regents and used at chapter events.

**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 to the Flag  
The American's Creed  
The National Anthem.

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

In follow up to the President General's message Samantha shared that she will discuss with the financial committee considerations for a financial plan or sunshine fund for members experiencing difficulty with dues payments.

**National Defense Report** read by Margie Gehlhaus: Veterans Day - November 11.

**American Indian Minute** read by Susanne Johnston: The Native American woman's role in the Woman's Suffrage movement.

**DAR School Minute** read by Marian Helinsky: The Tamassee School.

**Constitution Minute** read by Susanne Johnston: The 12th Amendment.

**Flag Minute** read by Beth Semon: The American Flag nicknamed the "Flower Flag" by the people of China in 1784.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

·☪· **REGENT:** Samantha Freise

December 14 - Wreaths Across America at Wentz UCC. The ceremony will begin at 12 Noon.

84 wreaths have been purchased. December 2 is the end date for sponsoring the remaining 66 wreaths.

Prior to the event our Chapter will enjoy a Holiday Potluck Brunch at 10:00AM at the church. Christmas Cards for Veterans will be made.

·☪· **1st Vice Regent:** Susanne Johnston

Thank you notes were received from Laurel House, Mitzvah Circle, Janet Gross, Crossnore School, Tamassee School, and KDS School.

Please consider signing up for our Chapters' social event Jan 11, 2020 at Tilly Mint's Tea Room.

·☪· **2nd Vice Regent:** Margie Gehlhaus

No report

·☪· **Chaplain:** Marian Helinsky

Send Marian a text if you know someone in need of prayers and/or a card.

- ✂️ **Recording Secretary:** Joan LaMonica  
September 14, 2019 and October 12, 2019 minutes discussed. A motion to approve minutes delayed until next meeting pending corrections.
- ✂️ **Corresponding Secretary:** Jennifer Cherry -  
No report
- ✂️ **Treasurer:** reported by Holly Hayick in the absence of Heather Wassel, Treasurer.  
Annual dues due by end of November.  
Ending balance as of October 31, 2019 is \$5,216.66.  
The treasurer's report has been filed for audit.
- ✂️ **Registrar:** reported by Samantha Freise in the absence of Melissa Vaks.  
Samantha reported total membership at 105; 6 members resigned last month; 0 applications pending in Washington; and 18 prospective members.
- ✂️ **Historian:** Diana Rehborn  
No report
- ✂️ **Librarian:** Meghan LaBadie  
Monday, January 13, 2020 Book Club will be hosted by Holly Hayick.  
Book: Ribbons of Scarlet by Kate Quinn, Stephanie Dray, Laura Kamoie, Sophie Perinot, Heather Webb and E. Knight.  
  
Monday, March 9, 2020 Book Club will be hosted by Susanne Johnston.  
Book: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. This book is also the selection of the State Book Club.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ✂️ **Veteran Services:** Joan LaMonica  
Our Chapter will be participating in the "Friends of a Veteran" program at the SE Veterans Center in Spring City. It involves cards and correspondence for holidays and special occasions, birthday recognition, and a holiday gift. A motion was made by Susanne Johnston to donate a \$25 Kohls gift card for the holiday gift. It was seconded by Pat Hallman. Motion passed unopposed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Samantha led discussion on Manna on Main's holiday program.

A motion was made by Jackie Carter to donate a \$75 gift card to Manna on Main.

Marian Helinsky seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unopposed.

Delegates for state conference (April 23-25 in Gettysburg, PA) will need to be selected at the February meeting, Our chapter can have 20 delegates. Please let Samantha know of your interest.

Samantha enlightened the members on the plans for the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage and the Justice Bell Send Off on August 25, 2020.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to Marian Helinsky, Carolyn Crowe, and Meghan LaBadie for hosting today's meeting.

**PROGRAM:** Native American Women's Issues by Susanne Johnston, State Chair AIC.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Wentz UCC.

**Meeting adjourned at 12 Noon.**

Minutes recorded and submitted by  
Joan LaMonica, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: February 8, 2020

cc: Regent Samantha Freise, 1st Vice Regent, Susanne Johnston, 2nd Vice Regent Margie Gehlhaus

