



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

## MINUTES

**Meeting:** February 8, 2020

**Place:** Indian Valley Public Library

**Attendance: (18)**

Samantha Freise, Sue Johnston, Marian Helinsky, Joan LaMonica, Holly Hayick, Lisa Mozi, JoAnne Cowles, Karen Reed, Jennifer Bindas, Heather Wassel, Sally Jones, Dale Hoppe, Helen Schwartz, Dana Pfister, Joanne Shupe, Carole Bishop, Diane Husted, Diana Rehborn, and Linda Donaldson.

**Guests: (3)**

Judy Taylor, Marie Conver, and Linda Hoade.

**OPENING EXERCISES**

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

Opening Rituals followed:

DAR Ritual  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
The American's Creed

Guests were welcomed and introduced by Sue Johnston.

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

**National Defense Report** read by Joan LaMonica: Quotes for the New Year.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES** (presented via power point)

**American Indian Minute:**

Native women continued to face challenges after the passage of the 1924 citizenship bill when they attempted to vote, including fees being levied, literacy testing requirements, and expectations to produce and substantiate land status: thereby crippling their ability along with other minorities of the time.

**DAR Schools Minute**

Kate Duncan DAR Schools provide children of the Appalachian foothills opportunities to develop a strong love of America ideals by celebrating history, fostering patriotic ideas, and promoting God, Home and Country. They serve 1400 students in grades K-12.

**Constitution Minute**

This famous opening line to the Miranda warning, "the right to remain silent," is not found in the Constitution, nor is the requirement that a person be read his or her rights. These words are an extension of the 5th Amendment and the right against self-incrimination.

## Flag Minute

In May 1812, a log school house at Catamount Hill near Colrain, Mass. gained the distinction of first flying the American flag over a school house. The flag was constructed by sisters Rhoda and Lois Shippee. A stone marker memorializes the event. A commissioned painting by Frank Schoonerer, 1941, depicts the flag raising.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS

•🌀 **Regent:** Samantha Freise  
No Report

•🌀 **1st Vice Regent:** Susanne Johnston  
Towamencin Chapter's 65th Anniversary luncheon scheduled for April 4, 2020 at The William Penn Inn.  
Please consider signing up for the next social event: Ladies Night Out at the Century House on Friday, March 20 at 6:30 PM.

•🌀 **Chaplain:** Marian Helinsky - no report

•🌀 **Recording Secretary:** Joan LaMonica  
Minutes from September, October, and November 2019 reviewed.

A motion was made by Sue Johnston to approve the corrected minutes of September 19, 2019. Motion seconded by Carole Bishop. Motion passed without discussion and all in favor.

A motion was made by Sue Johnston to approve the corrected minutes of October 12, 2019. Motion seconded by Diana Reborn. Motion passed without discussion and with all in favor.

A motion was made by Sue Johnston to approve the November 19, 2019 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Lisa Mozi. Motion passed without discussion and with all in favor.

•🌀 **Corresponding Secretary:** Jennifer Cherry - No Report

•🌀 **Treasurer:** Heather Wassel  
Heather reported an ending balance of \$3,119.20 as of January 31, 2020.  
The Treasurer's Report of November 2019 - January 2020 has been filed for audit.

•🌀 **Registrar:** reported by Samantha Freise in the absence of Melissa Vaks.  
Total membership at 117; 2 applications pending in Washington; and 18 prospective members.

•🌀 **Historian:** Diana Reborn - No Report

•🌀 **Librarian:** reported by Samantha Freise in the absence of Meghan LaBadie.  
A book donated in the memory of Ethel Brannon is waiting acceptance.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

•🌀 **DAR Veteran Services:** Joan LaMonica  
Members reminded to mail a Valentine Card to Robert Sherman, the Chapters sponsored vet.

The state project has been announced by Chair, Alice Keiner: "Let's Fill the Bus."  
This is an opportunity for PA Chapters to say thank you and help sponsor a veteran for a tour to see the national monuments in Washington D.C. Travel will be by bus. \$200 will sponsor a veteran for the entire day's event. \$25 will help feed a veteran for the day. \$10 will help pay for a veteran's box lunch. A "Let's Fill the Bus" can was presented for donations. All donations will be taken to State Conference in April.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Samantha discussed the State Regents Project for restoration of the Robert Morris Window at the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge National Historical Park.

A motion was made by Sue Johnston that funds made from our Chapters luncheon on April 4 be donated to the State Regents Project. Motion seconded by Helen Schwarz. Motion carried with all in favor and without further discussion.

PSSDAR State Conference scheduled for April 23-26, 2020 in Gettysburg. Our chapter has earned 20 voting Delegates. Samantha indicated that voting on proposed bylaw changes will be Saturday, April 25.

A motion was made by Linda Donaldson to vote on the following members as delegates to the PSSDAR State Conference: Heather Wassel, Holly Hayick, Jennifer Cherry, Marian Helinsky, Diana Rehborn, Margie Gehlhaus, Dana Pfister, Emma Hodgson, Lisa Mozi, JoAnne Cowles, Meghan LaBadie, Karen Reed, Joan LaMonica, Carole Bishop, Diane Husted, Samantha Frieise, and Sue Johnston,  
The motion was seconded by Marian Helinsky. Motion passed without further discussion and with all in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Thank you to Joanne Schupe and Joan LaMonica for hosting today's meeting.

**PROGRAM:**

The Mary E. Walker House: a transitional residence and program of the Veterans Multi Service Center on the Coatesville VA Campus that serves female veterans in need.  
Presented by Timothy Kane, Intake and Outreach Specialist, Veterans Multi Service Center.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the Indian Valley Public Library.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.**

Minutes recorded and submitted by  
Joan LaMonica, Recording Secretary