



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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2020**

The regular November 2020 meeting was held electronically via Zoom.Us.

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 AM by Regent, Samantha Freise. Recording Secretary, Joan LaMonica, was present.

13 members, 4 prospective members and 1 guest were present. Samantha introduced our guest, Francis Canupp, from the Independence Hall Chapter. A quorum was present.

First Vice Regent, Susanne Johnston led the opening ritual with The Pledge, and the Creed was recited by Towamencin CAR via video.

A prayer for Veterans and a prayer for Native American women was led by Chaplain, Marian Helinsky.

The American Indian Minute, read by First Vice Regent Susanne Johnston, spoke to American Indians service in the armed forces.

Regent Reports and Updates:

- Chapter made an emergency donation to the Hilltown Historical Society for repair of their historic barn door.
- Thank you to the members who attended the *DAR Day of Service* and cleaned tombstones at Wentz UCC.
- Thank you to the members who supported the *Project Patriot sponsorship of the USS Nimitz*. Donations just under \$400 were received and used to send needed food and personal items to the ship. Samantha followed up with a Veterans Day card to the troops.
- Linda Donaldson provided an update on the *Literacy Committee and the Pajama Program*: The PSSDAR partnered with this program to donate to needy Pennsylvania children so they could have a bedtime story and a good nights sleep. Our chapter was paired with Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Quakertown. 47 pairs of pj's and books were delivered to them.

- ***Wreaths Across America*** will be December 19, 2020. Margie Gehlhaus, 2nd Vice Regent, thanked members for the wreath donations.
 - The deadline for further purchases is November 30.
 - There will be no seating and a mask must be worn at the ceremony.
 - Margie Gehlhaus made a motion for the chapter to donate \$50 for a gift card to Rick Wilkie, Historian at Wentz UCC, to thank him for all he has done to assist our chapter with special programs. The motion was seconded by Susanne Johnston. The motion was adopted with all in favor and no further discussion.
 - Two special guests will be in attendance: State Regent Elizabeth Watkins will be awarding John Day the ***DAR Distinguished Citizen Award***. John's profile will be in our Newsletter.
- There will not be a formal ***meeting in December***. An informal chat will take place via Zoom on December 5, 2020 at 10:30 AM. Bring your favorite ornament to share.
- Samantha announced our chapter recipients of ***2019 National Certificates***.
- ***Membership Updates:***
 - 4 applications in Washington
 - 1 new member
 - 3 new members and 9 supplementals verified for 2020

Recording Secretary

A motion was made by Marian Helinsky to accept the September 12, 2020 minutes as previously corrected with the attendance addition of a member. Motion seconded by Joan LaMonica. Motion adopted with all in favor and no further discussion.

Treasurer Report: Heather Wassel

Beginning balance on September 1, 2020 \$3,758.74.

Ending balance as of October 31, 2020 \$6,054.42

Donations made to Wreaths Across America, USS Nimitz, Hilltown Historical Society, and Towamencin Society N.S.C.A.R.

The treasurers report of October 2020 has been filed for audit.

New Business:

Service for Veterans: Joan LaMonica

- The Christmas Wish List for our Friend of a Vet, Robert Sherman, shared.
- A motion was made by Joan LaMonica for a \$25.00 chapter donation to purchase a restaurant gift card and socks for Richard. The motion was seconded by Carole Bishop. The motion was adopted with all in favor and no further discussion.
- Request made for members to write Christmas cards for veteran residents of the SE Veterans Home and bring to our December 19 event. Joan will deliver to the facility.

President General Project

- Heather Wassel presented the DAR Constitution Hall Starlight initiative. Discussion ensued regarding chapter donations to the program.
- A motion was made by Heather Wassel for a \$50 chapter donation to this National project. Motion seconded by Marian Helinsky. The motion was rejected with a vote of 3 in favor and 7 opposed.
- Individual donations may be sent to Heather Wassel.

Additions to Agenda by Member

Marian Helinsky asked for discussion on the *American Indian Committee* initiative to provide mattresses for the students of Chemawa Indian School.

A motion was made by Marian Helinsky for a chapter donation of \$50 to go toward purchasing a mattress. Motion seconded by Joan LaMonica. Motion adopted with all in favor and no discussion. Contact Susanne Johnston regarding individual donations. Sue expressed her appreciation for this donation. She informed the members that she received from Governor Wolfe and the Mayor of Lansdale proclamations of November being Native American Heritage Month.

Announcements:

Linda Donaldson provided an update on Fidget Blankets that will be made by our seamstress members. Potential recipients of the blankets were shared: SE Veterans Home and Abington Jefferson Child and Adult Services in Lansdale.

Samantha shared that the Regents Club will be donating to the Daily Bread Food Pantry on behalf of the DAR. Members who would like to donate non perishables and canned good may deliver them to Samanthas home by Dec. 9. She will be delivering to the food bank on December.10.

Program: Indian Paths of Pennsylvania presented by Susanne Johnston.

The next scheduled regular meeting is February 13, 2021. Location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Minutes recorded and submitted by
Joan LaMonica, Recording Secretary

Date Approved:

