



*Towamencin Chapter,
NSD AR Daughters of the American Revolution
Lansdale, Pennsylvania*

**Regular Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2021**

The regular March 2021 meeting was held electronically via Zoom.us.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM by Regent, Samantha Freise. Recording Secretary, Joan LaMonica, was present.

17 members and 2 guests were in attendance. 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.

An Irish Prayer and Blessing for Hope was led by Chaplain, Marian Helinsky.

Regent Samantha Freise welcomed our two guests: Anne Peckham, Regent of Jephtha Abbott Chapter and Christyn Olmstead, PSSDAR State Chaplain.

The President General's message was presented via video.

The American Indian Minute, read by Susanne Johnston, spoke to the surrender at Appomattox and the terms of surrender being drafted by the highest ranking American Indian in the Union Army, Ely S. Parker (Seneca, 1825-1895).

Regent, Samantha Freise presented the Flag Minute and the Constitution Minute. There have been 27 versions of the American Flag. The United States Constitution has 4440 word; the oldest and the shortest Constitution of any major government in the world today.

DAR Schools Minute presented by First Vice Regent, Susanne Johnston. Hindman Settlement School is collecting vegetable seed packets for the purpose of teaching the people of Appalachia to be food independent by growing their own garden. Seeds can be delivered to Samantha or Sue for mailing.

Towamencin DAR Book Club will meet via Zoom on Monday, May 10 at 7:00 pm.

RSVP attendance to Holly Hayick at darhollyh@verizon.net. Linda Donaldson spoke about the selected book: [A Narrative of a Revolutionary Soldier](#) by Joseph Plumb Martin.

Regent Reports and Chapter Updates:

- Members reminded to be alert to their emails for the President General's blog, the monthly Towamencin newsletter and the monthly Chatter with committee updates.
- Corrections to the updated Towamencin Chapter Directory must be submitted to Jennifer Cherry by March 15.
- Sue Johnston spoke on the pending "donation event" for this summer that will support school supplies for the DAR Crossnore School. Please contact Sue if you would like to assist with this fundraiser.

- The Chapters Annual Spring Luncheon will be held virtually on April 10, 2021. The deposit that had been made to William Penn Inn is being held for the luncheon in 2022. An on line chapter fundraiser is in progress with Lemongrass Spa, a non profit organization. This fundraiser benefits our Chapter and, depending on the purchase, can also benefit our military personnel.
- PSSDAR State Conference will be April 22-24. This will be a hybrid event with a limited number permitted to be in attendance. Registration is on line at <https://www.pssdar.org/members/>

Old Business

Recording Secretary

The February meeting minutes were corrected to reflect a spelling error.

A motion was made by Sue Johnston to accept the February 13, 2021 minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded by Linda Donaldson. Motion accepted with all in favor and no further discussion.

Registrar Report presented by Regent Samantha Freise in the absence of Valerie Neidich. Chapter goal is to have 5 new applicants submitted by April. Currently two applications have been submitted and 3 applicants are actively completing applications.

Treasurer Report

February 2021 Treasurer Report reviewed by Heather Wassel, Treasurer.

Beginning balance \$3,272.70 and the ending balance \$3,280.70. Expenses reflect program expenses, prospective members, and Meals on Wheels donation.

The Treasurer Report of February 2021 has been filed for audit.

New Business

Continental Congress is scheduled for June 27-July 4, 2021.

The format will be decided by April 1.

Discussion ensued to nominate members to represent our Chapter's quota for 3 voting delegates and 6 alternate voting delegates. Voting to be on line Saturday, July 3.

A motion was made by Margie Gehlhaus to approve each of the following nominees as a voting delegate and as an alternate at the Continental Congress: Samantha Freise, Susanne Johnston, and Marian Helinsky as voting delegates and Heather Wassel as an alternate delegate.

The motion was seconded by Linda Donaldson. Motion passed with all in favor and no further discussion.

Program: Farmland Preservation in Montgomery County presented by Anne Leavitt Gruberger, Montgomery Co Planning Commission, Section Chief of County Planning.

The Annual Spring Luncheon will be via Zoom on April 10, 2021.

The next scheduled regular meeting will be May 8, 2021 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am

Minutes recorded and submitted by
Joan LaMonica, Recording Secretary

Date Approved:

