



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

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 08, 2021**

The regular May 2021 meeting was held electronically via Zoom.Us.

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM by Regent, Samantha Freise. Recording Secretary, Joan LaMonica, was present.

18 members and 1 guest were in attendance. A quorum was present.

Towamencin Chapter member, JoAnne Cowles, led the opening ritual with The Pledge, and the Creed was recited by Towamencin CAR via video.

A prayer for Hope was offered by Chaplain, Marian Helinsky.

The President General's message was read by Regent, Samantha Freise. Included in the message was an announcement that the annual National DAR Conference will be a virtual format. The President General also issued a challenge for each member to welcome one new member in 2021.

**Regent Report and Chapter Updates**

Regent, Samantha Freise, reported on the PSSDAR State Conference held April 22-24, 2021. Certificates awarded to the Towamencin Chapter were:

- 100% participation in the President Generals project.
- Outstanding Membership Committee award; thank you to Holly Hayick.
- Recognition for participation in Wreaths Across America.
- Recognition for supporting the Honor Flight Campaign.
- Second place for the National Division Historic Preservation award.
- Bronze winner for American Spirit subscriptions.
- Service to America Award presented to Wendy Kelly for mask making.

The Towamencin Chapter Directory will be released and distributed to members this week.

The Towamencin Book Club meeting will be via Zoom on Monday, May 10 at 7:00 PM.

Carole Bishop congratulated Margie Gehlhaus for her production of The Chatter.

## **Old Business**

### **Recording Secretary**

The March meeting minutes were corrected to reflect grammatical errors.

A motion was made by Carole Bishop to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Margie Gehlhaus. The motion was accepted with all in favor and no further discussion.

### **Treasurer Report**

The Chapter Financial Audit will be conducted in late June 2021 by Holly Hayick and Diane Husted.

The Treasurers Report was reviewed by Heather Wassel, Treasurer. The March 1, 2021 beginning balance was \$3,280.70. The April 30, 2021 ending balance was \$3,899.20.

A decision was made by Samantha to have a copy of the Treasurer Report distributed to Towamencin members as an attachment to the Meeting Minutes.

The Treasurer Report of March/April 2021 has been filed for audit.

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Marian Helinsky for \$100.00 to be donated to the DAR Crossnore School in honor of our May 8 guest speaker, Shenandoah Cheffalo. The motion was seconded by Carole Bishop. Motion passed with all in favor and no further discussion.

A motion was made by Margie Gehlhaus for \$100.00 to be donated to the Chemawa Indian School Agricultural program in support of their animal husbandry branch. The motion was seconded by Marian Helinsky. Motion passed with all in favor and no further discussion.

A motion was made by Joan LaMonica to purchase a \$100.00 Rita's gift card and donate to the Southeastern Veterans Center for a summer picnic for the residents. The motion was seconded by Joanne Shupe. Motion passed with all in favor and no further discussion.

A request for donations of sunglasses, baseball caps, adult coloring books, magnifying glasses, small watering cans, and Rubik's cubes was made by Joan LaMonica to support current needs at the Southeastern Veteran Center. Donations will be received at the June meeting.

A motion was made by Carole Bishop to refund \$5.00 to any chapter member who had to donate \$5.00 in order to attend the April 10, 2021 luncheon. The motion was seconded by Margie Gehlhaus. After extensive discussion the motion did not pass with 2 members in favor, 10 members not in favor and one member abstaining.

A motion was made by Margie Gehlhaus to allow any member who attended the April luncheon and wants to have their \$5.00 returned may receive it. The motion was seconded by Marian Helinsky. The motion passed with all in favor and no further discussion. Samantha will send an email addressing this motion to all members who attended the luncheon.

Samantha advised that as a result of our virtual fundraiser at the April luncheon our chapter has qualified for 35 gift set of Lemongrass Products. At our June 2021 meeting a vote will be taken on where to send the gift sets.

### **Announcements**

- Monday May 31 at 10:30 AM our chapter will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony at Wentz UCC. This is open to all members.
- The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on June 12, 2021 at Hilltown Historical Society.
- The Southeast District Luncheon with the State Regent will be held on June 12, 2021 at the Lehigh Valley Hotel in Bethlehem, PA. Please advise Samantha if you would like to attend.
- A summer social fundraiser for the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School and Crossnore School will be held on June 26, 2021. Members should contact Sue Johnston if interested in assisting in the planning for this event.
- A letter and donation of \$200.00 to the Towamencin Chapter was received from our Distinguished Citizen Recipient, John Day.

**Program:** Garbage Bag Suitcase author, Shenandoah Cheffalo, spoke about her experience as a foster child and her experience at the DAR Crossnore School.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by  
Joan LaMonica, Recording Secretary

Date Approved:

