



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

**Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2021**

The regular June 2021 meeting was held at the Historical Society of Hilltown Township on the grounds of the Strassberger Homestead.

The meeting was called to order at 10:39 AM by 1st Vice Regent, Susanne Johnston. The meeting was presided over by Susanne Johnston in the absence of Regent, Samantha Freise. Recording Secretary, Joan LaMonica, was present.

21 members and 3 prospective members were in attendance. A quorum was present.

The DAR Ritual was read by 1st Vice Regent, Susanne Johnston, followed by a prayer for unity and peace read by Corresponding Secretary, Jennifer Cherry. Members recited The American's Creed and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

Chapter Updates

- A summer social will be held at Samantha's home on Saturday, June 26. Optional donations of \$15.00 or Amazon gift cards will provide support for the DAR Schools.
- Continental Congress will be held virtually June 28 - July 4. Registration and the schedule of events are on dar.org and the virtual congress website. Watch parties are encouraged for viewing.
- The Towamencin Book Club will meet on June 28 at 7:00 PM at the home of Diane Husted. This month's book is Betsy Ross and the Making of America.
- Music of the British Isles will be featured at the Valley Forge Bell Tower Concert on August 18 at 7:30 PM. Bring a chair and beverage and enjoy the music.
- The PSSDAR Fall Conference will be held August 27-28 at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill, PA. The link for registration and review of events is in the June Towamencin Newsletter.

Officer Reports

- Jennifer Cherry, Corresponding Secretary, read a thank you note from the Southeastern Veterans Center expressing their appreciation for the \$100 Rita's gift card.

Committee Reports

- Holly Hayick, Chair Membership Committee, shared that our chapter has 17 prospective members. She introduced three prospective members in attendance: Marie Conner, Evie Hirschmann, and Wilma Pengelly.

- Joan LaMonica, Chair Veteran Services, thanked members for their very generous donations for the Southeastern Veterans Center.

Old Business

- A motion was made by Carole Bishop to approve the May 08, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Cherry. There was no discussion and motion was adopted with all in favor.

New Business

- As a result of the virtual spring fundraiser our chapter has qualified for 32 gift sets of Lemongrass Products, inclusive of lip balm and moisturizing spray. A motion was made by Margie Gehlhaus to donate these gift sets to the ladies of The Laurel House and the women veterans at the Mary E Walker House. The motion was seconded by Linda Donaldson. The motion was adopted with all in favor and no further discussion.
- Holly Hayick addressed the State Regent's project of individual Patriot Flags. These can be purchased directly from the website northstarflags.com.
- Holly Hayick encouraged members who do not have the engraved PA shaped name tag to order on line at <https://pssdar.org/eventregistration/product/name-tags/> This supports the Junior DAR members.
- Jennifer Cherry announced that CAR will again sponsor the 2021 July 4th Skippack Parade. The parade starts at 11:00 AM. CAR and DAR members are to meet at the Skippack Firehouse at 10:00 AM and bring candy for the spectators and water for self hydration.
- Sue Johnston is organizing a summer event to tour the historic Rittenhouse Town, established in 1690, on either July 10 or August 14. Please let Sue know of your interest and the best date.

Announcements

Linda Donaldson announced that she will be moving to Florida in September. She will remain an Associate Member of the Towamencin Chapter.

Program: Donah Beale, historical reenactor, presented a program on women's colonial clothing.

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on September 11, 2021 at the Indian Valley Public Library at 10:30 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Minutes recorded and submitted by
Joan LaMonica, Recording Secretary

Date Approved:

