



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

Regular Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Towamencin Chapter was called to order by Regent Samantha Freise, at 10:31AM, on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at the Indian Valley Public Library in Telford, PA. Recording Secretary, Joan LaMonica was present.

Chaplain Marian Helinsky led the opening ritual with a prayer remembering the loss of September 11, 2001. The Pledge of Allegiance, the American's Creed, the Preamble, and the National Anthem were led by Regent Samantha Freise.

Regent Freise announced that the President General's message was linked in the Towamencin Talk Newsletter for August/September as was the link to the National Defender for the National Defense Minute. The American Indian Minute on Hiawatha was referenced on the meeting power point presentation.

Regent Freise welcomed 23 members, 4 prospective members, and 1 guest back to an in-person meeting. A quorum was present. Vice Regent Susanne Johnston introduced and welcomed the prospective members.

Regent Freise shared that Towamencin Chapter would soon be welcoming a member transferring from Texas. She then announced that we received the following awards at the PSDAR Fall Meeting: certificates for participation in Honor Flight and Wreaths Across America, a certificate from the membership committee, and a certificate for 100% participation in the President General's project. Samantha referenced in the meeting powerpoint presentation that Sue Johnston and Holly Hayick received individual awards. Sue won outstanding Eastern Region American Indian Committee State Chair and National Best Support of Chemawa Indian School. Holly was awarded for her outstanding work as Chair of Community Service Awards.

Regent Freise introduced the guest speaker, Susan Gillette Meer, Pennsylvania State DAR Organizing Secretary, who presented a program on "Finding Your Passion in the DAR: A Look at DAR Committees."

Vice Regent Susanne Johnston reported that Constitution Day will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 3:30 PM on the steps of Montgomery County Courthouse. The guest speakers will be Madeline Dean, U.S. House of Representatives, 4th Congressional District, the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, and the Montgomery County Bar Association. All members are invited to attend. Sue also announced that a wine tasting social has been scheduled for

Saturday, October 16 at A'Dello Vineyards for 4:00 PM. The cost per person will be \$10.00. A sign up sheet was circulated during the meeting.

Margie Gehlhaus, 2nd Vice Regent, announced that Wreaths Across America was scheduled for Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Wentz UCC. She indicated wreaths may be purchased through our chapter treasurer; if two are purchased our chapter receives one free. A link for purchasing will be in the Chapter Newsletter.

Heather Wassel, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report for June-August 2021. The ending balance was \$2,846.98. The treasurer's report for June - August 2021 will be filed for audit. Heather reminded members that annual dues are due by October 31. Heather reviewed the Towamencin Chapter budget for 2021-2022. After some discussion, Marian Helinsky made a motion to approve the budget for 2021-2022. Carole Bishop seconded the motion. Regent Samantha Freise called for a vote. The motion passed with all in favor. Heather thanked daughters Wendy Kelly, Meg LaBadie, and Diane Husted for their participation on the Finance Committee.

There was no discussion on the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2021. Valerie Neidich made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June meeting as written. Sue Johnston seconded the motion. Regent Samantha Freise called for a vote. The motion passed with all in favor.

Amy Kriebel and Donna Kriebel were inducted into the Towamencin DAR Chapter by Regent Samantha Freise, Chaplain Marian Helinsky, and Registrar Valarie Neidich.

A motion was made by Joan LaMonica requesting the chapter make a \$100.00 donation to the USO for the purpose of supporting Joint Task Force Liberty at Fort Dix, NJ. Marian Helinsky seconded the motion. Regent Samantha Freise called for a vote. The motion passed with all in favor. Individuals may make contributions to the USO; checks may be made out to the Towamencin Chapter with Joint Task Force Liberty in the memo line.

Regent Samantha Freise made the following announcements:

1. The Towamencin Book Club will meet on September 20 at 7:00 PM at the home of Diane Husted. This month's book is Betsy Ross and the Making of America.
2. The Hatfield History Museum contacted her requesting volunteers to assist with a fundraiser on Oct 8 and 9. Their phone contact is 215-362-0428. This would be considered a Day of Service.
3. The next meeting of the Towamencin Chapter is October 9, 2021 at 10:30 AM at the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Minutes recorded and submitted by
Joan LaMonica, Recording Secretary

Date Approved:

