



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

Regular Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2022

In the absence of Regent Samantha Freise, the regular monthly meeting of the Towamencin Chapter was called to order by 1st Vice Regent, Susanne Johnston, at 10:32 AM at Indian Valley Public Library in Telford, PA. In the absence of Recording Secretary, Joan LaMonica, minutes were recorded by 2nd Vice Regent, Margie Gehlhaus.

The DAR Ritual was read by 1st Vice Regent Johnston and Chaplain Marian Helinsky, who followed the ritual with a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wilma Pengelly, the American's Creed by Betsy Campbell, and the National Anthem by Marian Helinsky.

1st Vice Regent Johnston directed the members to the power point presentation streaming on screen for the President General's message and the National Defense minute. Members were reminded that these messages were also linked in the Towamencin Talk Newsletter.

28 members and 5 prospective members were welcomed. 1st Vice Regent Johnston introduced prospective members Lisa Segal and Kristy Moyer. Membership Committee Chair, Holly Hayick introduced prospective members Donna Alleborn and Jackie Reinhardt. A quorum was present.

There was no discussion on the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2021. A motion was made by Carole Bishop to approve the minutes as written. Jeanne Wolfe seconded the motion. Vice Regent Johnston called for a vote. The motion passed with all in favor.

There was no discussion on the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2021. A motion was made by Marian Helinsky to approve the minutes as written. Charlene Souders seconded the motion. Vice Regent Johnston called for a vote. The motion passed with all in favor.

In the absence of Treasurer, Heather Wassel, 1st Vice Regent Johnston presented the Treasurer report of December 2021 - January 2022. The ending balance was \$5,024.82. The Treasurer Report of December 2021 - January 2022 will be filed for audit and will be attached to the meeting minutes.

Sue Johnston advised the members that in lieu of committee updates at meetings, committee reports will be in the monthly Chatter.

1st Vice Regent Johnston informed the members of the 2022 elections for new officers. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, 2nd Vice Regent Margie Gehlhaus read Article 5 Section 3 on Eligibility. The floor was open for nominations to the Nominating Committee, per Article 5 Section 2. Joan LaMonica was nominated by Dana Pfister. Holly Hayick was nominated by Marian Helinsky. Dana Pfister was nominated by Amy Kriebel. A motion was made by Carole Bishop to have Holly Hayick, Joan LaMonica, and Dana Pfister represent the nominating committee. Motion seconded by Jennifer Bindas. A vote was called by 1st Vice Regent Johnston. Motion passed with all in favor.

1st Vice Regent Johnston appointed Holly Hayick as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. The slate of officers is to be reported on or before the April 2022 meeting. Elections will be held at the May 14, 2022 meeting. Members are to inform the nominating committee of a desire to run for office.

1st Vice Regent Johnston informed the members of a time sensitive motion and vote by the Board. On January 19, 2022 Sue Johnston emailed the ten board members a motion for \$50 to be donated to Lansdale 150 so the name "Towamencin Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution" could be placed in the Commemorative Celebration Booklet for Lansdale's 150th anniversary. Voting was closed on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Motion was approved with a vote of 9 in favor and 1 abstention.

Helen Schwartz was recognized for her 10 year Anniversary of Service to the DAR. Samantha Freise was also recognized for her 10 year Anniversary and will receive her certificate when she returns from maternity leave.

Sue Johnston, State Chair AIC, awarded Margie Gehlhaus, Sally Jones, Dana Pfister, and Emma Hodgson (absent from meeting) a National DAR Certificate of Appreciation and a Chemawa sweatshirt for their outstanding work on the American Indian Committee.

Andie Mahan and Marilyn Williams were inducted into the Towamencin DAR Chapter by Chaplain Marian Helinsky and Membership Committee Chair Holly Hayick.

PSSDAR State Conference will be held April 28-30, 2022. Program and registration will be released on March 1.

The April luncheon will be held April 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the William Penn Inn. Auctions and raffles are no longer a fundraising option. A motion was made by Sally Jones to include a choice for an optional donation on the luncheon registration form. Motion seconded by Jeanne Wolf. Vice Regent Johnston called for vote. Motion passed with all in favor. Discussion ensued regarding local causes that may benefit from the donations. Motion made by Joanne Shupe to purchase 15 calculators for Keystone Opportunities Center and for the remainder of the funds to be divided between Laural House and the Shepard Shelf. Motion seconded by Carole Bishop. Motion passed with all in favor.

Vice Regent Johnston introduced the guest speaker, Karen Plouch, who presented a program on "One Room School Houses in Montgomery County."

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 12, 2022, at 10:30 AM at the Indian Valley Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Minutes recorded by 2nd Vice Regent Margie Gehlhaus and submitted by Joan LaMonica, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: