



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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Towamencin Chapter was held electronically via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Samantha Freise at 10:33 AM. Recording Secretary, Joan LaMonica, was present.

Regent Freise announced the DAR Ritual would be abridged for this meeting. Chaplain Marian Helinsky led the Pledge of Allegiance and member Charlene Souders offered a prayer for peace.

31 members and 7 guests of Carla Blumenfeld's family were welcomed by 1st Vice Regent, Susanne Johnston. Membership Committee Chair, Holly Hayick, introduced prospective member, Ruth Baltozer. A quorum was present.

Regent Freise reminded members that the PSSDAR State Conference will be held April 28-30 at the Hilton Scranton Hotel and Conference Center. Members may register by mail or on the State Members Only web site.

1st Vice Regent Johnston asked members to RSVP the annual luncheon invitation by April 1. The luncheon will be held April 9 at the William Penn Inn. Susan Bockius will be the guest speaker and present on David Rittenhouse. The invitation also includes a choice for an optional donation that will benefit Keystone Opportunities Center, Shepherd's Shelf, and Laurel House.

1st Vice Regent Johnston read a letter from Hindman Settlement thanking the chapter for their gift of seeds.

In the absence of Registrar, Valerie Neidich, Regent Freise announced that three applications for membership have been approved and four completed applications have been submitted.

Regent Freise announced that the chapter librarian, Meghan LaBadie, is in the process of selecting a book in memory of Clara Lease, a 40 year member who passed away in December 2021.

Treasurer, Heather Wassel, presented the February 2022 Treasurer Report. The ending balance is \$5,149.32. The Treasurer Report of February 2022 will be filed for audit and will be attached to the meeting minutes.

There was no discussion on the meeting minutes of February 12, 2022. A motion was made by Susanne Johnston to approve the minutes as written. Charlene Souders seconded the motion. Regent Freise called for a vote. The motion passed with all in favor.

Nominating Committee Chair, Holly Hayick, shared that the slate of candidates will be presented at the April meeting. All members were encouraged to consider a possible position and to advise the nominating committee members if interested. The Historian office remains open.

Regent Freise announced that Continental Congress will be held June 29 - July 3, 2022. Towamencin Chapter qualifies for three voting delegates. Each delegate must be in attendance at Congress. Marian Helinsky made a motion that Samantha Freise, Susanne Johnston, and Heather Wassel represent Towamencin Chapter as voting delegates at Continental Congress. Carole Bishop seconded the motion. Regent Freise called for a vote. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan LaMonica shared that the Southeastern Veterans Center was in need of a large puzzle board for therapeutic activity use by the veterans. A motion was made by Joan LaMonica for Towamencin Chapter to purchase a 1500 piece wooden puzzle board with storage drawers from Amazon for \$79.99 + tax and donate to SEVC. Susanne Johnston seconded the motion. Regent Freise called for a vote. Motion passed with all in favor.

Joan LaMonica made a motion to purchase, and attach to the puzzle board, a plaque engraved with "Donated by Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR" for a fee of no more than \$25.00. JoAnne Cowles seconded the motion. Regent Freise called for a vote. Motion approved with all in favor.

Regent Freise informed the members that in order to post the chapter flag at PSSDAR State Conference and future chapter events it will be necessary to purchase an 8 foot flag pole and flag stand. Marian Helinsky made a motion that Towamencin Chapter purchase an 8 ft. flag pole for \$29.77 and a flag stand for \$29.99. Margie Gehlhaus seconded the motion. Regent Freise called for a vote. Motion approved with all in favor.

Lisa Siegel, Trish Graham, and Kristy Moyer were inducted into the Towamencin DAR Chapter by Chaplain Marian Helinsky and Membership Committee Chair Holly Hayick.

1st Vice Regent Johnston introduced the guest speaker, Lt. Col Gus Blumenfeld, USA Ret. who presented "A Soldiers Experience in Viet Nam."

The Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on April 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM at the William Penn Inn. The next scheduled meeting will be May 14, 2022 at 10:30 AM at the Pearl S. Buck House.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM.

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by
Joan LaMonica
Recording Secretary

Date Approved:

