



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

**Regular Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Towamencin Chapter was held at Pearl S. Buck International in Dublin, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Samantha Freise at 10:37 AM. Recording Secretary, Joan LaMonica, was present.

24 members, 2 prospective members, and 1 guest were present. Prospective members were introduced by 1st Vice Regent Susanne Johnston. A quorum was present.

Regent Freise led the DAR Ritual, American's Creed, Preamble, and Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Marian Helinsky offered a prayer for veterans and led the chapter in the Lords Prayer.

Regent Freise summarized our chapters' participation at PSSDAR State Conference in April. The Chapter received an award for Community Classroom Participation.

1st Vice Regent Johnston advised members of the Lansdale Memorial Day parade followed by a picnic at Samantha's. Members encouraged to sign up to bring a dish to the Memorial Day picnic and to the potluck luncheon at the June meeting. Joan LaMonica provided details of the parade and a handout of instructions.

Treasurer, Heather Wassel, presented the March-April 2022 Treasurer Report. The ending balance is \$5,461.18. The Treasurer Report of March-April 2022 will be filed for audit and will be attached to the meeting minutes.

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

Regent Freise reported that four applications for membership and one supplemental application have been approved.

Margaret Briggs, Conservation Committee Chair, announced that Chalfont Borough would be having a native plant sale and swap on May 21, 2022 from 10 AM and 12 Noon. The event will be held at Krupp Park Gazebo at Borough Hall.

Regent Freise announced that the donations received at the annual luncheon in April were sent to Keystone Opportunities Center, Shepherd's Shelf, and Laurel House.

Towamencin Daughter, Dale Hoppe, was awarded a certificate for ten years of service to the DAR.

Donna Alleborn and Grace Seelig were inducted into the Towamencin DAR Chapter by Regent Freise and Chaplain Helinsky.

1st Vice Regent Johnston announced that in honor of Flag Day Towamencin Chapter will be providing "Flag Bags" to selected classrooms at General Nash Elementary and Franconia Elementary Schools. Each bag will contain a flag, flag pin, flag code, and flag etiquette.

Helen Schwartz updated the chapter on the Lansdale 150 event to be held July 16. A Day in the Park will be held from 10-3 and an evening parade will start at 5 PM. Towamencin Chapter will host a table with the theme of Christmas In July. A Towamencin Chapter flyer, designed by Sue Johnston, will be available for a handout.

Regent Freise is investigating the possibility of the chapter donating a new flag for a memorial monument in Hatfield Township.

Regent Freise requested the nominating committee's report on the nominations for the chapter elections. In the absence of Holly Hayick, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Joan LaMonica presented the committee's slate for the following offices:

Regent	Susanne Johnston
1st Vice Regent	Holly Hayick
2nd Vice Regent	Carla Beckwith Chagarus
Chaplain	Marian Helinsky
Recording Secretary	Judy Taylor
Corresponding Secretary	Margaret Briggs
Treasurer	Amy Kriebel
Registrar	Valerie Neidich Williams
Historian	Samantha Freise
Librarian	Joanne Shupe

Regent Freise presented each recommended officer to the chapter and called for floor nominations. With each office presentation there was no additional nomination. 2nd Vice Regent, Margie Gehlhaus, made a motion asking for nominations from the floor to be closed. Dale Hoppe seconded the motion. Regent Freise called for a vote. Motion passed with all in favor and no discussion. The new officers will be inducted at the June 2022 meeting.

1st Vice Regent Johnston thanked Shirley Sargeant, Jeanne Wolfe, and Rosemary Forsythe for providing refreshments.

Joan LaMonica announced that the cancelled miniature horse event at SEVC has been rescheduled for June 20 at 10:00 AM. Thank you notes from St Mary's Catholic School for the three Youth Citizenship Awards, and from SEVC for the puzzle board were shared. Joan thanked the chapter for their generous donations in support of Operation Big Mama. Bonnie Marino was thanked for her donation to support shipping charges for this project.

The next meeting and annual pot luck luncheon will be held on June 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM at the Morgan Log House in Lansdale, PA .

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM and members were invited to take a tour of the Pearl S. Buck Home.

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by
Joan LaMonica
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: