



*Towamencin Chapter
National Society Daughters of the
American Revolution
Lansdale, Pennsylvania*

**Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Towamencin Chapter was held at Wentz United Church of Christ, 3246 West Skippack, Lansdale, PA.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Regent Suzanne Johnston. Recording Secretary, Donna Alleborn, was present.

32 Members, 6 Prospective Members and 7 guests were present. A quorum was present.

The Opening Ritual was given by Regent Johnston and Marian Helinsky, Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Kathryn Moran. Marian Helinsky, Chaplain, led the Creed and the Star-Spangled Banner.

Carla Beckwith Chagaris, 2nd Vice-Regent, introduced the prospective members and special guests: Rita Moskoff, Michael Moran, and scout members.

Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs

Joan LaMonica discussed the Lansdale Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Monday, May 29, 2023. Members will meet behind the 7/11 on Main Street at 8:15AM. Please bring candy to give out along the Parade route. The Parade starts at 9AM. A potluck sign-up is available for those interested in joining the picnic at Diane Husted's home after the parade.

An additional sign-up sheet is available for the potluck meal to be served at the June Meeting.

Historian Report

In the absence of Historian Samantha Freise Regent Johnston presented the Historian report. On June 3, 2023, at 11AM, the Towamencin Chapter will be placing a Grave Marker on the grave of John Wentz at Wentz's Church Cemetery.

The grant for the new Wooden Doors at Christ Church in Philadelphia has been approved. A ceremony is planned for the fall.

The President General's Message and the National Defense Message were shown during the slide show at the beginning of the meeting. They are also linked to our newsletter.

Treasurer Report

In the absence of Treasurer Kriebel, Regent Johnston gave the Treasurer Report. On February 28, 2023, the beginning balance was \$ 7,153.28. The ending balance on April 30, 2023 was \$4,376.39.

Old Business

Regent Susanne Johnston asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the March Meeting. None were noted. Regent Johnston requested approval of the minutes. Rose Catton

made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. Regent called for a vote. The motion passed with all in favor.

New Business

Regent Susanne Johnston inducted six new members in to the Chapter: Jayne Cabnet, Linda Hoade, Patricia McCormick, Rose Catton, Kathryn Moran and Jackie Reinhardt. Welcome to all.

Chemawa School is asking for quilts to be given to all students entering the school in August. All chapters across the nation are contributing. Towamencin member Wendy Kelly has volunteered to make a quilt for our chapter. She is requesting \$35.00 to purchase batting for the quilt. 2nd Vice Regent Carla Chagaris made a motion to approve the \$35.00. Sally Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Anyone interested in making a quilt please let Sally Jones, AIC Committee Chair, know.

Regent Johnston announced that Doreen Slotter will be given the Community Service Award at our June meeting. Regent Johnston would like to make a \$100.00 donation to the Bridge of Hope in Doreen Slotter's name. 2nd Vice Regent Carla Chagaris made a motion to approve the donation. Patricia McCormick seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor and no discussion.

Regent Johnston reported that the Bylaw Committee is recommending additional changes to our by laws. These changes would assure that the chapter's financial activities align with the DAR's guidance and compliance with IRS regulations. Diane Husted, Chair Bylaw Committee, will be hosting a Zoom meeting on May 23, 2023 at 7 PM to explain the changes. A copy of the proposed changes will be sent to members at the beginning of June. Members will be able to discuss and vote on this at the June meeting.

Recording Secretary

Recording Secretary Donna Alleborn will complete her tenure as recording secretary this May and will be stepping down in June. Ruth Baltozer has agreed to assume recording secretary responsibilities. Regent Johnston asked if anyone was interested in running for this position. No candidates were noted. Interested members may contact Regent Susanne Johnston. A vote for the new Recording Secretary will be taken at the June meeting.

Literacy Committee

Ruth Baltozer, Literacy Committee Chair, presented the Literacy Champion Award to Rita Moskoff. She is an ESL volunteer at the Wissahickon Valley Public Library. Her classes consist of international and local intermediate students who represent diverse cultures and backgrounds.

Flag Committee

Judy Taylor and Marie Conner went to Oak Park Elementary School in North Penn School District to educate 75 students about Flag Day. The children received flags, pencils, pens and erasure. A great time was had by all. The committee will also be visiting Springfield Elementary School on June 2 and North Wales Elementary School on June 16.

Regent Johnston gave a presentation on the history of the American Flag addressing the Sons of Liberty Flag of 1767 to the Grand Union flag of 1775 to present day.

Michael Moran and the Scouts gave a special presentation on the proper way to fold the American Flag and the meaning of each fold. Mr. Moran noted that the community can give their damaged flags to the scouts for proper disposal.

Community Classroom Committee

Our chapter promoted National Teachers Appreciation Week by delivering trays of cookies to General Nash Elementary, Spring-Ford Elementary, Oak Park Elementary, Pennbrook Middle School, North Wales Elementary and Abington Friends School.

The next meeting will be held on June 17th, at Gwynedd Friends Meeting House at 202 and Sumneytown Pike, (across from the William Penn Inn). Please carpool if possible as parking is limited. "Quakers During the Revolution" will be presented. The meeting starts at 10:30AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33AM and was followed by an ice cream sundae social hour.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by
Donna Alleborn, Recording Secretary

Minutes were approved _____