



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

Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2022

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 10:34 AM by Regent Susanne Johnston. Recording Secretary, Donna Alleborn was present.

36 members, 4 prospective members, 1 transfer, 1 associate member and 12 guests were present. A quorum was present.

The Opening Ritual was given by Regent Susanne Johnston and Marian Helinsky, Chaplain. The Pledge was led by Joanne Shupe and the Creed was led by Valerie N. Williams.

Regent Susanne Johnston referred the members to the streaming power point presentation for the Presidents General's message, the National Defense Minute, the Indian Minute, the Flag Minute, the Conservation Minute, and the Constitution Minute. Noteworthy chapter news was also presented. The power point will be attached to the minutes.

Marian Helinsky, Chapter Chaplain, led the memorial service for Clara Lease, a 40-year member of the Towamencin Chapter. Clara's family was in attendance and given a bouquet of flowers by Regent Johnston.

Will Gresh, President of the Pennsylvania Society C.A.R was introduced. He presented an overview of C.A.R. initiatives: increased membership, mentorship for future leaders, promotion of the Veterans Multi Center for Viet Nam veterans, and support of the historic Anthony Wayne homestead. Donations in support of the homestead may be sent to Lory Fracaccio-Kenney, State Treasurer at PaCARSRtreasurer@Dgmail.com.

Holly Hayick, 1st Vice-Regent, presented four Good Citizenship Awards. The attributes for this award include dependability, honesty, punctuality, patriotism and leadership. The recipients were Kathryn C. Moran, a senior

at Abington High School. Mariah Foote, a senior at Penn Ridge High School. Ian LaBadie from North Penn High School and Natalie Freeling from Upper Perkiomen High School.

Carla Beckwith Chagaris, 2nd Vice-Regent, presented the Outstanding History Teacher Award to Tristan Boyd, a 9th grade history teacher at Souderton Area High School. Mr. Boyd was nominated by his principle, Dr Sam Varano, citing Mr. Boyd's dedication and ability to help students navigate critical thinking and new technologies.

Regent Susanne Johnston presented the Outstanding Community Service Award to Marcia Wise, a volunteer at Family Promise of Montgomery County. Marcia has been pivotal in organizing food collection for the food cupboard to feed the homeless and those in need.

Holly Hayick, 1st Vice-Regent reported on 6 Proclamations awarded to the Chapter at Constitution Day on September 16, 2022, on the steps of the Norristown Court house. They included County of Montgomery Commissioners, Borough of Lansdale, US House of Representatives Madeline Dean, State Pa, Senator Amanda Cappelletti, State PA Representative Matthew Bradford, PA Governor Tom Wolf.

Amy Kriebel, Treasurer gave the Treasurer Report for September through October 31, 2022. The beginning balance was \$3,254.34, and the ending balance was \$7,428.73. The Treasurer Report will be filed for audit and attached to the meeting minutes.

Regent Johnston referred to the monthly newsletter for committee reports and updates.

Old Business

There was no discussion on the meeting minutes of September 2022. Valerie N. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Margie Gehlhaus seconded the motion. A vote was called for by Regent Johnston. The motion passed with all in favor.

There was no discussion on the meeting minutes of October 2022. Joanne Cowles made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Joan LaMonica seconded the motion. A vote was called for by Regent Johnston. The motion passed with all in favor.

New Business

Commemorative Events Chair, Margie Gehlhaus gave a brief history of the creation of the United States Navy. Margie provided an update on Wreaths Across America. She reported that the goal for WAA is almost achieved and with continued member support she feels that it will be.

She asked that members be at Wentz UCC by 12 Noon on December 17,2022. There will be more graves than wreaths, so members can place a wreath where they choose.

Sally Jones reported on the Proclamations received by Towamencin Chapter for American Heritage Month. In a letter from Governor Tom Wolfe, he apologized for the delay in his 2021 Proclamation and presented it this year. Madeleine Dean, Representative of the PA 4th district gave a Proclamation as well as the Mayor of Lansdale, Garry Herbert, Montgomery County Commissioners, and State Senator Amanda Cappelletti.

Sally Jones reported on the success of the AIC collection of gifts for Chemawa's Christmas. \$600 worth of gifts were delivered to the school's director. The school is very appreciative of the Chapter's generosity.

Grace Seelig reported that the Book Club will meet 3-5 times per year at select members home in the evenings. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23rd, 2023, at the home of Ruth Baltozer, Literacy Chair, located at 229 Hancock Road, North Wales, at 7PM. Dessert and beverages will be served. The first book will be The Book Women of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson. Please RSVP to Ruth at gbaltozer@verizon.net.

Heather Wassel thanked members for their generous donations for the Boodle Boxes. The goal is to send 10 large priority flat boxes to an oversea unit. Monetary donations are still being accepted and can be given to Heather or Joan LaMonica. Heather invited members to sign and write a note of thanks and support in the Christmas cards that will be included in the boxes.

Joan LaMonica requested a \$50 donation to purchase Christmas gifts for our Friend of a Vet, Christine Volk. Carla Beckwith Chagaris seconded the motion. Regent Susanne Johnston called for the vote. The motion passed with all in favor.

The by-Laws Committee members, Diane Hustead, Holly Hayick, Joan LaMonica and Sue Johnston have updated the by-laws. They will be sent to membership in January. Members will be able to ask questions and to vote at the February meeting.

Joan LaMonica introduced today's speaker, Jaclyn Greiner, Esquire and US Army Veteran. She spoke about "Their Service Never Ends: Helping Veterans Find the Dawn After the Dark". Regent Sue Johnston presented Jaclyn Greiner with a year's subscription to Spirit magazine.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 AM

The next meeting will be held at Pennypacker Mills, 5 Haldeman Rd, Schwenksville, PA at 10:30 AM on December 3, 2022.

Minutes recorded and submitted by

Minutes approved.

Donna Alleborn
Recording Secretary