

The Mine Run Chapter Board meeting, NSDAR, was held at Wegman's Supermarket at 6:00 p.m. There were seven members present. The meeting was chaired by the Mine Run Chapter Regent, Rochelle Grey.

The minutes from the June meeting were not available for today's meeting. The treasurer, Sue Shackelford, announced that there is currently \$1,486.23 in the checkbook. Notice for payment of dues has been sent to all members, and currently 24 out of 74 individuals have paid their dues. There was discussion regarding a member (Carole Berry) that has not paid her dues for the past two years. Debbie DeHart suggested that she be asked to resign and it was seconded by Cindy Kohl. This motion will be voted upon by the entire membership at the next meeting. Three other members, Nancy Rossbacher, Tammy Williams and Tamela Bonaime, have not paid last year's dues. There was some interest in establishing a special fund to assist members who are having a difficult time paying their annual dues. Debbie DeHart indicated that many prospective members have not completed the paperwork for full membership into the DAR. She wants to invite them to a future meeting to determine their interest in becoming members of the Mine Run Chapter.

The chaplain, Cindy Kohl, mailed a bundle of manufacturer's coupons to Japan for military service soldiers. She receives most of the coupons from a senior living complex and Cindy made a motion to contribute \$25.00 for feed for the ducks in their pond. This was seconded by Debbie DeHart. Cindy has sent the Lafayette book to Jordan DuPriest, a local girl that is living with cancer.

There are many upcoming meetings.

- Fall Forum, September 19, in Hampton.
- Virginia State Conference, March 28-30, 2014 at the Hotel Roanoke.
- In 2015, the State Conference will be at the Norfolk Waterside, on March 20-22.
- In 2016, the State Conference will be held at the Richmond Marriott on March 11-13.

The memorial service for deceased member Shirley Conley, will be held at the State Conference next year in Roanoke. Debbie DeHart will invite her relatives to this event.

Regent Grey attended the Board of Management Meeting in July and the District II meeting in Petersburg in August. She has forwarded the minutes from the Board of Management meeting.

As part of a conservation project, Liz Couture has created a "Protect our Pollinators" display which will be available for viewing at the Salem Church Library. Liz has also painted some drinking glasses to be used as gifts for speakers at chapter meetings.

There will be a display at the Spotsylvania Town Center from September 9-23, for Constitution Week.

Regent Grey updated the group on the sale of raffle tickets for the lawn chair. Debbie DeHart motioned that our chapter donate a ticket for the new Virginia State Regent, Virginia Sebastian Storage. This was seconded by Cindy Kohl.

Liz Couture has donated 284 books to Stafford County Schools. She is in the process of updating the newsletter.

Future meetings for the Mine Run Chapter are:

- September 26, Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m.
- October 19, a breakfast meeting starting at 8:30 a.m. Program will be "Genealogy by DNA."
- Board Meeting on November 7, at 5 p.m., at Wegman's Supermarket.

The entire list of upcoming meetings and events can be found at DarDebbie.com. A nominating committee will be created in December, with elections of new officers to follow in January. New officers will be installed at the April 2014 meeting. The by-laws will be amended at a meeting this fall. The Master Questionnaire is due by January 15, 2014.

Donations of toiletries are needed for baskets and bags for military veterans being treated at McGuire Hospital. Regent Grey talked about the Wounded Warriors Project. Donations will be need for the training costs for dogs that disabled veterans sometimes need. Regent Grey noted that the new Virginia State Regent wants to visit all DAR chapters during her tenure, and combining meetings with other local chapters is a good way to reach this goal.

Information on the upcoming 125th anniversary of the Daughters of the American Revolution is available at DAR.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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