

BOARD MEETING MARCH 26, 2013

On March 26, 2013, the Board Members of the Mine Run Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met at Wegman's Grocery Store in Fredericksburg. There were 11 members present today. The meeting was led by Rochelle Grey, Regent. She reported that the Virginia State Conference held earlier this month in Richmond was a positive experience. The Mine Run Chapter was awarded 15 awards at the conference and Regent Grey sent copies to the membership.

Regent Grey mentioned that the Mine Run Chapter needs to keep better records to track the work our group does to support the mission of DAR. Member Liz Couture exhibited a notebook which she suggested that we use as a means to get credit for the work that we do. Regent Grey brought the recent newspaper article regarding the Women in the Arts Award given to Mirinda Reynolds.

Vice Regent Debbie Aylor stated that the next meeting is scheduled for April 6, at the Old Berea Christian Church in Spotsylvania. The meeting begins at 10 a.m., with the speaker, author Marc Leepson, on "Lafayette," coming at 10:30. Members were encouraged to bring pot pies for lunch. Vice Regent Aylor indicated that May 16 will be a dinner meeting at the Four Seasons Restaurant at Four Mile Fork. Speaker and topic to be determined.

Treasurer Sue Shackelford indicated a total of \$ \$1,350.00.

Registrar Debbie DeHart indicated that two new members will be sworn in next month.

Recording Secretary Leah Samuels reported that 250 labels were sent to DAR schools on March 1.

Member Liz Couture stated that cards were signed for Jordan DuPriest at the State Conference. She is the Spotsylvania student that has been diagnosed with brain cancer, and is still waiting for a treatment plan.

Chaplin Cindy Kohl has sent a couple of condolence cards since the last board meeting. Member Shirley Conley passed away earlier this month. Member Debbie DeHart is looking into obtaining an insignia for her grave. She was buried in Fairfax County. Some members expressed an interest in having the insignia as part of the gravestone. A memorial committee needs to be established to attend funerals. Member DeHart mentioned that members can leave their DAR pins to family members or their Chapter, where they can be sold to support the group.

Member DeHart reported that the Virginia Luncheon is slated for June 25, in Washington, DC at the National Press Club.

Member DeHart and Member Lisa Doan will be featured on an upcoming Comcast Television production. They will discuss the mission of DAR. Liz Couture was asked to share information about the Children of the American Revolution on the same program.

Member Mary Nolen updated the group on meetings which may be of interest to the group. On March 27, at the James Monroe Museum in Fredericksburg, Dr. Goode is presenting a program on "Female

Friends of American Founding Fathers.” On April 4, at the University of Mary Washington, the program is “Educational Opportunities for Women in the Early American Republic. It starts at 7 p.m., in the Lee Hall. Dolley Madison’s birthday is being celebrated on May 20 at the James Madison Museum in Orange.

Member Shackelford discussed visiting military veterans at the Golden Living Nursing Home in Fredericksburg. She suggested that members “adopt a grandfather” from the veterans living there.

Member Lisa Doan wants to work on Genealogical Records which need to be preserved.

Librarian Debra Matalavage is deciding which genealogy books can be donated. The group has to approve any funds that are used for this purpose.

Member Doan has been working on a welcome packet for new members of the Chapter. She asked Member Samuels to create a fact sheet about collecting soup labels and box tops for education.

Members DeHart, Aylor and Doan agreed to form a by-laws committee. They will submit changes at a future meeting.

Regent Grey stated that the incoming District II president, Hilary Clare, is looking for individuals to serve on District Committees.

Submitted by:

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