

April 13 Minutes

On April 6, 2013, the Mine Run Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the Old Berea Christian Church in Spotsylvania. Fifteen members were present today. The meeting was called to order by the Regent, Rochelle Grey. She led the group in the opening prayers and DAR ritual. Member Lisa Doan led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Regent Grey also led the American's Creed. The February minutes were not approved by Ann Ellis or Betsy Berry. The recording secretary will re-send, after obtaining correct email addresses. Lisa Doan and Debbie DeHart agreed to read and approve the minutes of today's meeting via email.

Regent Grey remarked that the Women's Forum held last month in Fredericksburg was very informative and she encouraged the membership to attend next year.

Vice Regent Debbie Aylor announced that the next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., on May 16, at the Four Seasons Restaurant near Four Mile Fork. Debbie DeHart will do a presentation on pins and insignia.

The treasurer, Sue Shackelford, was not at today's meeting. Member Debbie DeHart reported that Sue did attend the Board Meeting last month and there has been no change in the bank account. At that time, there was a checkbook balance of \$1,350.23.

Registrar Debbie DeHart, reported that there are currently 72 active members.

Chaplin Cindy Kohl stated that she sent condolence cards to the family of Member Shirley Conley, who passed away in February.

Member Samuels read a Flag Minute, provided by Member Doan. It was called The Sons of Liberty Flags, which was a short history of the Stamp Act Flags.

Member Ginnie DeHart presented a National Defense Minute, which indicated that the Marine Corps infantry training course is very physically demanding, and many men and two women have failed. Defense Secretary Hagel has until May 15th to submit plans that will integrate women into all military jobs, including direct ground combat.

Under Women's Issues, Member Ellis mentioned again the local Women's Forum, which has excellent programs on a variety of topics.

Member Thierfeldt offered an Indian Minute. She talked about the Oneida People, a tribe from New York. They were one of the five founding nations of the Iroquois Confederacy.

Member Nolen announced that there will be a program on Dolley Madison on May 20, at the James Madison Museum located in Orange. It will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Regarding new business, Member Debbie DeHart nominated Regent Grey and Member Couture to vote at Continental Congress in June. The motion was seconded by Member Thierfeldt and approved by the group. Voting is scheduled for June 28. Members Debbie DeHart and Doan will be going to Continental Congress on June 26.

Member Doan is creating a Welcome Packet to help new members learn about the mission of DAR. Debbie DeHart has set up a Master Questionnaire Binder to be available at each chapter meeting. Members will document deeds and contributions throughout the year and free up time at the January meeting. Member Doan is creating a form for each Committee. Mary Nolan will be assisting Debbie DeHart with contacting inactive members of the chapter to encourage them to get involved.

Member Couture exhibited the painted chair, built by Jimmy Wallace and donated by Debbie DeHart, which will be used as a fundraiser. She will bring tickets to the May meeting.

Cindy Kohl proposed a future meeting in which DAR members bring old and interesting things to exhibit. Other DAR chapters may want to get involved, as well as the Regents Club.

Member Kohl would like to nominate Eric Garrett for a Good Citizen Award or something similar. He is the young man that attended the February meeting at Massaponax Baptist Church. Debbie DeHart seconded this motion.

Member Kohl proposed that the Lafayette book written by Marc Leepson be purchased by the Mine Run Chapter and given to Jordan DuPriest, the young girl that has been diagnosed with brain cancer. Debbie DeHart seconded this motion.

Regent Grey adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Marc Leepson followed with a presentation on General Lafayette. He brought some of his books to sell. Lunch was served afterwards, the main course being various pot pies prepared by the Mine Run members.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah L. Samuels

Recording Secretary

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