

November 2011 Minutes below:

On November 12, 2011, the Mine Run Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Spotsylvania County Library, Snow Branch, near the Spotsylvania Courthouse. There were 13 members present, including Ann Ellis, who is a new member of the chapter. Liz Couture, regent, led the group for opening exercises, which included the DAR Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, and The American's Creed. Ginnie DeHart and Lois Thatcher agreed to approve the minutes, via email.

Liz Couture reported that the Chapter Yearbooks and October newsletter are available for members. The newsletter will be done quarterly and submissions are needed for the next edition. The cutoff date for submissions for the upcoming newsletter is December 30.

Officers that shared reports were Ginnie DeHart, treasurer and Debbie DeHart, registrar. Ginnie indicated that there is currently \$6, 252.57 in the treasury. Debbie reported that there are currently 72 chapter members, with many applications pending. We are still waiting for dues payment for some members.

Liz mentioned that the Chapter is waiting for approval for the proposed Lafayette Marker by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. She is hopeful that the group will have a result on or about November 15, 2011. The Chapter will need approximately \$1,500.00 for the cost of the marker. There will be a dedication ceremony at the site (Todds Tavern), when completed.

The Mine Run Chapter sponsors a Children of the American Revolution chapter, and their newsletter is being published this month. The CAR is planning to enter the Gingerbread Contest at Ferry Farm during the holiday season.

Lois Thatcher mentioned that there is a DAR wish list for books to be donated to the DAR Library.

Debbie DeHart stated that the Project Patriot Committee is looking for donations for military troops stationed overseas. She shared a list of items that can be included for the soldiers.

Upcoming events and programs are the following:

December 7, Open House at the DAR building in Washington, DC.

December 17, 2011, Christmas Open House at Debbie's home in Rhoadesville.

January 21, 2012, Chapter Reports Meeting at the Chancellor Ruritan Building on Route 3, at 9:30 am.

February 18, 2012, Chapter Meeting, open to the public, "Genealogy Workshop: Are you related to President James Madison?" Location will be at Massaponax Baptist Church at 10:00 am with the program to start at 10:45 am.

March 2012, Virginia State DAR Conference in Norfolk.

Today's program is "George Washington: Rules of Civility and Good Behavior," presented by Diane Buser. She gave a history of Kenmore and Ferry Farm and indicated that DAR members will receive half price admission to these sites.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah L Samuels

Recording Secretary

November 17, 2011