

Meeting Minutes: May 13, 2023

Opening

The regular meeting of the General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter, NSDAR was called to order at 11:06 AM via zoom by Chapter Regent Linda Chesko.

Present

Members: Sally Bickford, Linda Chesko, Cheryl Craig, Vittoria Flick, Cindy Hoge, Patty Jackman, Cornelia “Connie” Olde, Debora Refior, Dianne Myers Stool, Marcia Szedula, Donna Tonicic, Sandie Thompson

Ritual

- Invocation: Chaplain Cindy Hoge offered the invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance: led by Connie Olde
- American’s Creed: led by Cindy Hoge
- Preamble to the Constitution: led by Donna Tonicic

President General’s Message: brought by Cheryl Craig

National Defense Message: National Defender May/June 2023 – *Equine-assisted Therapy – How three DAR Daughters are Helping Veterans (and have been helped themselves!)* brought by Registrar Marcia Szedula

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 2022 chapter meeting were submitted for member consideration via e-mail on May 10, 2023. A motion was made by Donna Tonicic to approve the minutes and seconded by Marcia Szedula. The members voted and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

The April 2023 report of the Treasurer was submitted for member consideration via e-mail on May 10, 2023. A motion was made by Patty Jackman to approve the report and seconded by Cheryl Craig. The members voted and the report was unanimously approved.

Minutes

- American Indian – *Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming...* brought by Marcia Szedula
- Conservation – *Water Conservation in your Home...* brought by Donna Tonicic
- Constitution – *Why was the voting age lowered to eighteen?* brought by Marcia Szedula

Officers Reports

- Treasurer’s Report: Donna Tonicic reported on chapter donations received with members’ dues to the State Regent’s Project (\$100), Menlo Park Veterans Home (\$275), and the Issac Watson House (\$100).
- Registrar’s Report: Marcia Szedula provided an update on prospective members and the State’s Happy Hour Online program for Registrars.

Standing/Special Committee Reports

- Continental Congress Committee – information on upcoming Congress events and selected topics
- Social Media – update on National and State DAR social media accounts

Old Business

- No business to report

New Business

- Chapter Credentials Form submitted to National April 15, 2023
- Chapter Community Service Program discussion on possible project for 2023

Program

- DAR Podcast - April 2023 – Episode 9: [All About the Daughters Online Community! A Conversation with Kate Johanns](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6dcD9XRJSY) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6dcD9XRJSY>

Announcements

- District Director Vittoria Flick advised that the Central District Luncheon will be held October 22, 2023 at the North Brunswick Bistro
- Chapter Award:
 - General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter NJ for One Hundred Percent Participation in the President General's Project – April 2023
- Member Awards:
 - Literacy Promotion Committee presented Sally Bickford a certificate for Outstanding Service of a DAR member – April 2023
 - Patriot Records Project presented Sally Bickford a certificate for Indexing 64,453 Names – April 2023
- Chapter received a thank you note from State Regent Diane Oliver for our chapter's donation to her State Regent Project

Next Meeting

Next meeting: June 10, 2023 – Regent's Home, Hamilton, NJ

Benediction

Chaplain Cindy Hoge offered the benediction

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM by Regent Linda Chesko.

Minutes submitted by: Cheryl A. Craig, Recording Secretary