

Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2023

Opening

The regular meeting of the General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter, NSDAR was called to order at 11:00 AM at the Isaac Watson House, Hamilton NJ by Regent Linda Chesko.

Present

Members: Linda Chesko, Cheryl Craig, Joan Hayevy, Cindy Hoge, Patty Jackman, Carolyn Rappa, Marcia Szedula, Donna Tanguay, Sandie Thompson, Donna Tonic

Guest: Bob Simmons

Ritual

- Invocation: Chaplain Cindy Hoge offered the invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance: led by Sandie Thompson
- American's Creed: led by Donna Tanguay
- Preamble to the Constitution: led by Patty Jackman

President General's Message: brought by Cheryl Craig

National Defense Message: National Defender September/October 2023 – *The Mighty MO – Vis Ad Libertatum, "Strength for Freedom"* brought by Registrar Marcia Szedula

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 2023 chapter meeting were submitted for member consideration via e-mail on October 18, 2023. A motion was made by Cindy Hoge to approve the minutes with correction and seconded by Marcia Szedula. The members voted and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

The October 2023 report of the Treasurer was submitted for member consideration via e-mail on October 18, 2023. A motion was made by Cindy Hoge to approve the report and seconded by Marcia Szedula. The members voted and the report was unanimously approved.

Minutes

- American Indian – *Billy Frank Jr... Native American environmental leader and advocate for treaty rights...led a grassroots campaign to secure fishing rights...* brought by Marcia Szedula
- Conservation – *Native Plants vs. Non-native Plants...* brought by Donna Tonic
- Constitution – *U.S. Constitution – population comparison between the signing and current day...* brought by Marcia Szedula

Officers Reports

- Treasurer's Report: Donna Tonic provided an update on 2023-2024 dues payments
- Registrar's Report: Marcia Szedula provided an update on prospective member's application

Standing/Special Committee Reports

- No reports

Old Business

- Updated supplement yearbook to be issued early December after dues submitted to National and State
- Patriot packs – Veterans Day

- Chapter Bylaws - A motion was made by Donna Toncic to approve the amended Chapter bylaws sent to Chapter members via email for review and consideration on September 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Joan Havevy. The members voted and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Central District Luncheon Chapter Donation – A motion was made by Patty Jackman to approve the purchase of tickets to White Christmas at the Bucks County Playhouse for \$144 and seconded by Cheryl Craig. The members voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

- Immediately following the meeting Chapter members will participate in two service projects 1) writing thank you cards for Veterans at Menlo Park and 2) bundling holiday cards to include in the Patriot Packs being sent to service members serving overseas as well as Veterans at Menlo Park.

Announcements

- Reminder of upcoming Watson House event featuring Blacksmith and Spinner demonstrations, Pottery exhibit on Sunday, November 12, 2023

Next Meeting

Next meeting: November 11, 2023 via Zoom

Benediction

Chaplain Cindy Hoge offered the benediction

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM by Regent Linda Chesko.

Minutes submitted by: Cheryl A. Craig, Recording Secretary