

Ursula Wolcott- Black Swamp Chapter, NSDAR

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Ursula Wolcott- Black Swamp Chapter was called to order by Regent Bonnie Rashleigh at 1:25 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Ft. Meigs Community Classroom. Regent Rashleigh and Chaplain Lynn Rashleigh led the opening ritual. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Regent Rashleigh. The American's Creed was recited by the membership. The President General's message and the National Defense Message were sent via email to total membership. Regent Rashleigh welcomed 15 members (in addition to self), and one prospective member to the meeting. The following prospective members were present: Amanda Soto. The minutes of the December meeting were sent electronically to all members. Sharon DeMuth made a motion of accept the minutes as sent, Deb Cady seconded the motion. The minutes of the December were approved as sent electronically. The treasurer's report was given by Chapter Treasurer Joan Drill. She reported that as of 2/29/2024, the checking account balance was \$6007.73. All 55 members have paid dues. Carlaann Stiles made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Sharon DeMuth seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was filed. The Constitution minute, American Indian minute, Conservation minute, DAR School minute, and Veteran minute were sent to members prior to the meeting.

Two pieces of previous business were discussed by the chapter. First, the chapter incorporation, which is encouraged by the National Society. By consensus, the chapter agreed that Jan Brinker will be the Incorporating agent (permanent address for the incorporation.) The incorporation process will be diligently completed. Secondly, the discussion regarding the chapter paying the chapter dues for members who are 90 years and older. Deb Cady made the motion for the chapter to cover state and chapter dues for members who are 90 years and older. Motion carried.

There were four new items that were brought forward to the membership. The OSDAR State Conference will be held March 22-24, 2024 in Columbus. The Northwest District is the hostess district. The motion was made by Deb Cady to donate \$200.00 to the OSDAR State Treasurer for hostess supplies for the conference. Motion carried. One collapsible TOTE umbrella will be donated for the Women's Issues Project by Carlaann Stiles.

Second, there is need for representation to attend the BGSU Army ROTC Award presentation, BGSU Air Force ROTC Award presentation, and UT Army ROTC Award presentation. Regent Rashleigh will represent the chapter at the BGSU events. Vice Regent Jennifer Catera will represent the chapter for the UT events.

Members were introduced to the "Medal of Historic Preservation Excellence" opportunity, which is a new honor that can be given to an individual or group to preserve historic sites, records, cemeteries, etc.

Members heard from Jan Brinker about her experience so far with the Members Course. All members, new and old were encouraged to check into this worthwhile course.

Regent Rashleigh reported that the executive board has appointed Sara Meyer to replace Cindy Branson as Chapter Reporting Secretary, due to illness.

Regent Rashleigh introduced member, Deb Cady who provided the program on her trip to Antarctica.

The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2024 at the Community of Christ Church for the American History essay award presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Sara Meyer, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: