

# **Ursula Wolcott – Black Swamp Chapter DAR Meeting**

**November 9, 2024 1:00pm - Ft Meigs Community Classroom**

The regular monthly meeting of the Ursula Wolcott- Black Swamp chapter was called to order by Regent Bonnie Rashleigh at 2:01 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Fort Meigs. 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 National Defense message were sent via email to total membership prior to the meeting.

Regent Rashleigh welcomed 19 members (including 6 on zoom). There were 6 prospective member guests.

The minutes of the September meeting were sent electronically to all members. Sharon DeMuth made a motion to accept the Secretary's minutes as written. Joan Drill seconded the motion.

The treasurer's report was given by Chapter Treasurer, Joan Drill. She reported that as of 10/31/2024, the checking account balance was \$13,530.35. Carla Ann Stiles made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Judy Myerholtz seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was filed.

The Constitution minute, American Indian minute, and a Veteran Minute were sent to members prior to the meeting.

A presentation was given by Samantha Boyle of Luken T. Boyle Campaign for Kindness. She shared her story with the chapter and described how her "Kindness" rooms were created to help children in her son's name. Regent Rashleigh and Chaplain Lynn Rashleigh presented Samantha with DAR Community Service Award. Chapter members donated supplies for the Kindness rooms as a part of the DAR Day of Service. Donations for Campaign for Kindness were at minimum, \$252.69.

A presentation was given by Amy Bates about Lafayette's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary farewell to America tour. She is fulfilling her mission to bring the message of Lafayette to at least 200 people.

Two pieces of previous business were discussed by the chapter. The incorporation process is complete. State and National NSDAR have been notified. The Fort Meigs sign is also in process. Several members attended the Genealogy Fair last month. Several contacts were made with prospective members. Interested prospective members have started the application process and were invited to attend the chapter meeting.

There were several new items that were brought forward to the membership. The upcoming March meeting will be celebrating the Ursula Wolcott chapter 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will be held at Wolcott House in Maumee, Ohio. Ursula Wolcott has been accepted as a DAR Woman in American History award recipient. The nomination election for State Conference and Continental Congress delegates will be held

in December. The nominating committee will be appointed in March for chapter officers in the next term. Chapter members were asked to consider sharing their talents in a leadership role. Current officers are available as mentors. NSDAR announced there is a change in the application/ supplemental process. As of January, all applications/ supplementals must be signed in blue ink.

The next meeting will be on December 14, 2024 at 1:00. The chapter will tour Mom's house, have an ornament exchange (\$10 limit). Chapter members are encouraged to bring donations for Mom's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Mary Robinson made the motion to adjourn. Linda Reitzel seconded the motion.