

Ursula Wolcott – Black Swamp Chapter DAR Meeting May 6, 2023

The meeting began with a very interesting presentation by John Thompson on the “Post War history of Fort Meigs” and the excavated finds on the property.” These finds also included artifacts from a native population living here from 1200-1500 AD. Discussion also focused on continued excavations of military artifacts and graves, and the need to respect the property as a military and civilian burial grounds.

Members present:

Bonnie Rashleigh-Regent

Lynn Rashleigh- Chaplain

Jennifer Catera-Vice Regent

Joan Drill-Treasurer

Teresa Smith-Historian

Lisa Dilmore, Sara Meyer, CarlaAnn Stiles. Mary Robinson, Debbie Warner, Sharon DeMuth (online), and guest Linda Reitzel

Bonnie began the meeting with the ritual. All messages had been sent in advance: President's , American Indian, Conservation, DAR schools, National Defense, and Secretary's minutes. Sharon Demuth made a motion to accept the minutes, and CarlaAnn seconded. Motion passed.

Joan gave the Treasurer's report. Current checking account balance is \$1,368.87. Lisa Dilmore made a motion to accept the report and Sharon DeMuth seconded. Motion passed.

DAR certificates were presented to Springfield ROTC by Joan, Jennifer went to the UT ROTC ceremony, and BG will do an Air Force award in the fall. No communication was received from BG on the Army award.

CarlaAnn attended an Honor Flight reception and reported on the tremendous energy and support the organization gives to the vets. The next Honor Flights are in June, September and November.

Discussion began on perhaps replacing our chapter flag. This was tabled until June.

Discussion continued on Daughters Helping Daughters. This one time assistance with dues will be overseen by a committee of the Regent, Chaplain, and Treasurer. A motion to accept this proposal was made by CarlaAnn and seconded by Teresa. Motion passed.

July 27, 2023 will be Marilyn Shaffer's 100th birthday. Members are encouraged to send cards and well wishes!

The audit committee will meet near the end of July or beginning of August. Teresa Smith will chair.

Our Zoom subscription was renewed.

Two issues of importance will be introduced at this year's Continental Congress:

The bylaws will be rewritten to state that membership in the DAR will be without discrimination.

The application fee will increase gradually from \$75 to

\$100 August 1, 2023

\$125 January 1, 2024

\$150 January 1, 2025

Gayle Glick is our sole delegate so far.

The dates for next year's meetings are set. Please note we will meet on the second Saturday of the month. Please contact Bonnie with any suggestions for programming.

Patriot Minutes were presented by Teresa Smith and Debbie Warner.

CarlaAnn took items to Barry's Landing, and reported that items such as toilet paper, paper towels, and laundry soap are particularly needed. Please try to remember some items for our next meeting if you would like to help.

Teresa Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sharon DeMuth seconded. Meeting adjourned.