

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

**November 11, 2023 – Ft. Meigs Community Classroom 1:00 p.m.**

### **Our Presentation – Carolyn Nagy of the Women's Veteran Initiative**

Members Present -

Officers Present – Bonnie Rashleigh, Jen Catera, Lynn Rashleigh, Joan Drill, Theresa Smith

Members – Amy Bates, Jan Brinker, Sharon Demuth (zoom), Kristin Dewey, Sharon Jazwiecki, Sara Meyer, Linda Reitzel, Mary Robinson, Cynthia Smith, Carlann Stiles, Johann Wagner, Deborah Warner, Linda Wetzel (zoom), Bonnie Yaprigur.

Prospective Member – Amanda Soto

Minutes were approved as presented. Motion made by Johann W., second by Kristin D.

Treasurer's Report was approved as presented, motion by Carlann S. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy S.

The DAR sign for Fort Meigs was reintroduced and we learned that John from Fort Meigs has found someone to do the sign with an estimated cost under the \$4,000.00 budgeted price.

The Flag Minute was given by Bonnie Yaprigur. Bonnie gave a beautiful history on the folds of the American Flag and what each fold is symbolic of.

Carolyn Nagy of the Women's Veteran Initiative gave a wonderful presentation "A Few Good Women". We learned so much about the contributions of women to the military, as well as how many local women have made a difference. As our Day of Service Project for this year, we collected gift cards and pampering type items for the Women Veterans that WVI is sponsoring. Carolyn was very pleased with the gifts that were donated for women veterans. Carlann will also take donated items to Barry's Landing. Thanks to those members who contributed.

Dues Notice – we are close to the deadline for dues. If you haven't paid yet, please send your money to Treasurer, Joan Drill.

Toledo Club Luncheon – The Toledo Club Christmas Luncheon will be held Saturday, December 9. There will be a Christmas ornament exchange with a limit of \$20.00. This is totally voluntary and will be exchanged by way of a blind pull of names. Everyone was handed the Christmas Luncheon flyer to reserve their place. The December meeting will start at 12:00 noon at the Toledo Club.

The next Naturalization Ceremony will be held at Bowling Green State University on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 and the December ceremony will be held Thursday, December 7, 2023 at St. John's High School at 9:20 a.m.

The October Meeting at the Genealogy Fair was a fantastic event. After seeing several table displays, it was suggested that we get a table cover with our name and insignia for our Chapter. The motion was made by Joan D., and seconded by Sara M. The cost would be around \$250.00.

Sara Meyer then spoke about the DAR Ohio State Conference that will be held from Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Delegates need to be elected by February 2024 deadline. Sara discussed the events that will be happening. Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be Jeffrey McKenna discussing his book “Saving Dr. Warren, A True Patriot”, and the Daughters that night will also recognize outstanding juniors. Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the celebration of DAR schools and a presentation by the NSDAR historian.

Our Regent Bonnie Rashleigh brought up that the scholarship window is now open, and suggested Sarai Carrillo of Lake High School be sponsored through the Winds of Eagle scholarship. As we hand out more than one sponsor letter, the Chapter can hand out as many as it would like, and Bonnie suggested one for Sarai.

The issue of waiving dues after the age of 90 years old was then discussed. Joan D. discussed how hard it would be to waive all dues (Local, State and International) from a Treasurers perspective. It was then suggested that all of the daughters donate \$5 each when each member turns 90, to help pay for said dues. This was also deemed to be a challenge. The discussion then turned to just waiving the local dues of \$10.00. After further discussion, the motion was tabled to next meeting.

Theresa Smith has written another book and she has them available for \$13.00 It includes several chapters on a few Revolutionary War patriots. See Theresa if you are interested.

The meeting was then adjourned at 3:03 pm by Regent Bonnie Rashleigh.

Next meeting December 9, 2023 – The Toledo Club, Downtown Toledo, 12:00 noon.

REMEMBER – NOW OUR MEETINGS WILL BE ON THE **SECOND SATURDAY** OF THE MONTH!