

Ursula Wolcott- Black Swamp Chapter, NSDAR

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2024

Community of Christ Church, Whitehouse, OH

The regular monthly meeting of the Ursula Wolcott- Black Swamp Chapter was called to order by Regent Bonnie Rashleigh at 2:07 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Community of Christ Church. 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 17 members (in addition to self), and one prospective member to the meeting. The following guests were present: Kelsey family, Kirsten Bates.

The minutes of the March meeting were sent electronically to all members. Carlaann Stiles made a motion to accept the minutes as sent, Deb Warner seconded the motion.

The treasurer's report was given by Chapter Treasurer Joan Drill. She reported that as of 3/31/24, the checking account balance was \$5850.71. Joanne Wagner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Linda Reitzel seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was filed.

The Constitution minute, American Indian minute, Conservation minute, Commemorative Events minute, and Veteran minute were sent to members prior to the meeting.

Two pieces of previous business were discussed by the chapter. Five members who attended the state conference reported their experiences.

The State Regent's Raise the Roof Project for Waldschmidt Homestead was encouraged at the State Conference. Deb Warner made the motion to donate \$200.00 for the campaign. Laura King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were several new items that were brought forward to the membership. Theresa Smith was appointed to the Auditing Committee, which must be completed by August 15 to be used in planning next year's budget. Two additional spots are available.

The chapter presented the American History essay contest winner Gabe Kelsey with the award. He shared his essay.

Regent Rashleigh asked members for planning suggestions for next year. Members were also asked to consider joining the chapter leadership team. A Nominating Committee will be appointed in December. The officer slate will be presented in March.

Members were invited to attend a SAR/ DAR trip to the Ft. Wayne library August 14-15.

She shared that a member pin was discovered on Ebay by the National Insignia committee. The chapter discussed upcoming possible acquisitions and decided it would be handled on a piece-by piece basis. No chapter action will be taken.

Regent Rashleigh shared that the recently purchased American Flag was flown over the DAR headquarters in memory of Marilyn Hooker Shaffer.

Regent Rashleigh introduced Frank Butwin who provided an entertaining interpretation of General Anthony Wayne.

The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2024 at the Ft. Meigs Community Classroom. It is a joint meeting with Fort Industry. There will be a second May meeting on May 11, 2024 at Schooner Farms.

Amy Bates reported that after learning about the Franco-American America 250 project of Lafayette's Farwell Tour re-enactment at State Conference, that she and her daughter Kirsten have volunteered to work with that committee in Cincinnati and possibly in Kentucky.

Registrar Laura King reported on the recent State C.A.R. elections that were held March. The Mary Sherman Hayes Society, which our Chapter sponsors, is heavily represented in the Ohio leadership. Reese Williams is 2nd Vice President, Drew King is Chaplain, Tanner King is Recording Secretary, Christian King is State Senior Treasurer, and Laura King is State Senior Corresponding Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Sara Meyer, Recording Secretary

Date Approved: