

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

**Sept 9, 2023 - Ft Meigs Community Classroom 1:00pm**

## **Our Presentation – Memorial Service and Budget Adoption**

Members Present –

Officers – Bonnie Rashleigh, Jen Catera (zoom), Lynn Rashleigh, Joan Drill, Theresa Smith

Members – Sharon DeMuth (zoom), Kristin Dewey, Deb Cady, Julie Dailey-Smith, Debbie Warner, Carlaann Stiles, Linda, Reitzel, Amy Bates & Gayle Glick

Sharon Jazweicki, prospective member & Jean Helminski, guest

Mary Robinson brought in cookies to share.

Minutes were approved with the correction listing Jan Brinker as a new member. Motion made by Gayle G, second by Julie D-S.

Treasurer's Report was approved as presented, motion by Carlaann S & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristin D. We have \$2,543.59 checking account balance.

We held a lovely Memorial Ceremony for Barb Dailey & Marilyn Shaffer. Everyone agreed that these two ladies will be missed by the Chapter. Both ladies were very active and welcoming members that made impressions on many of us when we joined.

Carlaann will take Barry's Landing donations to them. Thanks to those that contributed. Remember that we collect items each month so there is always another chance to donate.

Lynn gave an update on the status of the American History essay contest. We still need TWO NON-DAR Judges for this year. Kristin will check with a neighbor & Mary Robinson will be our DAR member judge. Please check with husbands, adult children to see if we have any potential judges there. The judging is not that hard and it is interesting to see the children's work.

The AUDIT Committee reported on the yearly audit of the Chapter finances. Everything was found to be in good order. The Audit Committee was reported by Deb C & Theresa S.

The Chapter voted to adopt Budget for 2023-2024 as proposed by Treasurer Joan Drill. There was one addition to the budget – Theresa S made the motion to increase the Speaker's fee from our current \$25 to \$50. The motion was seconded by Sharon D and second by Debbie Warner, the motion was passed. This will be calculated into the budget.

We set aside \$4,000. for a Fort Meigs sign to designate the final resting place of soldiers. This sign has been on the Ft Meigs wish list for many years. After our DAR meeting when John Thompson gave the history of the fort, we thought that this would be a wonderful opportunity for the chapter to help with this historic preservation. The sign will have our DAR logo and Chapter name on it. We will be working closely with the Ft Meigs staff and they must work through the Ohio History Connection to get this project started. The project will start moving once the Fort closes down for the winter.

Ohio DAR is working on an inventory list of all the DAR Memorials in our area. If any of your relatives have a DAR Grave marker, they would like to have that on the list also. Sharon J suggested a search of local newspapers when we are at the Library next month to see what that resource might list.

Constitution Week Activities - We have a naturalization program Sept 15 at 11am at UT Law Library and we rang our constitution bells for one minute during the meeting. You now have a bell to ring at 4:00pm on Sept 17 so that bells can be heard across our country at the same time on Constitution Day.

Family Bibles – for the genealogical Records Committee – we have turned in some, but more pages would help get another volume published, consider adding to this genealogical record. Questions – let me know.

Incorporation of our Chapter – DAR strongly suggests that we do this and Deb Cady & Joan have already started some of the preliminary steps to get this started. We need to appoint a signatory agent that will not change for a while so we are hoping there is a younger Chapter member that plans to stay with the Chapter for some time to be this agent. Duties consist of being the address of record, filling out forms once a year and then notifying the Chapter when any payments or other reports are due.

DAR Committees – DAR runs through Committees, some ladies have signed up for a couple of these committees – we will start some organizing to get these members together to work on things.

Dues Notice – we would like our dues to be paid before the deadline.

October Library sign up was filled in with people taking 2 hour shifts throughout the day.

DAR Help for Hawaii was discussed and this would be a voluntary donation, not managed by the Chapter. Please refer to your latest Ohio DAR newsletter for information.

Our newest member, Linda Reitzel was welcomed into the Chapter with the Induction ceremony. Her application was just approved on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Our December meeting will be held at the Toledo Club and will include a luncheon. Invitations and food choices will be sent out with the minutes or very closely following.

There was a silent moment for the victims and families of 9/11 tragedy.

The meeting was adjourned by Deb Warner and second by Julie Smith.

Next meeting Oct 14, 2023 – Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Downtown Toledo, 10:00 – 5:00 Genealogy Fair

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