

Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter NSDAR  
November 10, 2016  
Chapter Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7PM at St. Matthias UMC in Stafford, VA by Regent Susan Harvin. Attending were 12 members, 2 guests and 1 prospective member. The Opening Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, American's Creed and Preamble to the Constitution were recited. The President General's Message was read followed by an American Indian, Flag, & Constitution minutes and a National Defense Message.

Our program, Civil War Genealogy, was given by Eric Mink, National Park Service Historian. Members learned of the many sources for information at both the Library of Virginia, National Archives and various NPS sites around Fredericksburg.

Refreshments provided by Alicia Hillmer were enjoyed by all.

The Secretary reported last month's minutes were approved as required and will be emailed along with this month's minutes. The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$3195.84, income of \$1807.50 & expenses of \$4079.95 for a closing balance of \$923.39. The Chaplain reported sending out 5 birthday cards and the Registrar reported that 3 applications are currently waiting for approval.

Norma asked for more ditty bags.

Myra made a motion which was seconded and passed to accept an anonymous donation of \$150 to go toward the CAR state project at Rippon Lodge Cemetery

It was noted that Thomas Jefferson's handwritten copy of the Declaration of Independence is on display at the Museum of Virginia in Richmond and that the DAR Museum exhibit (An Agreeable Tyrant - Fashion after the Revolution) is currently open.

The upcoming Naturalization ceremony is at December 15 at 2PM.

Donna Sayre gave a report on the history of the names of two District V chapters (Arlington House Chapter & Ana Marie Fitzhugh).

Our next meeting is December 8 and will be a pot luck with the traditional purple onion exchange and a game of DAR jeopardy.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Peggy Neel  
Secretary