

Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter NSDAR  
March 16, 2017  
Chapter Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Regent Susan Harvin at St. Matthias UMC in Stafford, VA. Present were 10 members, 1 prospective member and 1 CAR member. The Opening Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, American's Creed, Preamble to the Constitution & DAR Creed were recited followed by a reading of the President General's Message, an American Indian & Flag Minute. Susan gave a brief history of the chapter name for Overwharton Parrish. The Secretary reported that last month's minutes have been approved & emailed to members. The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$863.61, income of \$439 and expenses of \$323.10 for a closing balance of \$979.51 followed by the reading of the National Defense Message. The Registrar reported that 2 applications are in at National and that paperwork for 10 prospective members is underway with a 2016 membership increase of roughly 25%.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of Susan Harvin for Regent, Alicia Hillmer for Vice-Regent, Amy Stromberg for Chaplain, Peggy Neel for Secretary, Donna Sayre for Treasurer, Myra Wiggins for Registrar, Sonja Johnson for Historian and Anne Kline for Librarian.

A CAR report was given by Nataleigh Menck including that the Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society was awarded 1st place for the "Kids helping kids" category at the VA C.A.R. Conference and she thanked us for our help in turning in 8 pounds of pop top tabs.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$100 to the State Regent Judy Surber's project (Claude Moore Hall at Montpelier) at the April 8th luncheon.

A motion under the heading of the Conservation Committee was made and passed to have a table at the April 22nd Earth Day Celebration at a cost of \$20 pending enough volunteers available. Myra gave us an introduction to the formation of a new committee, America 250!, along with an explanation of it's purpose & scope. Congratulations to Myra for being appointed to the Virginia Chapter of the America 250! Task force.

Our program given by Brenda Caricofe (Donna Courtney's sister) on "Washington DC's trash solution in the 1800's" was enjoyed by all. She brought ceramic & glass shards recovered from the Potomac as well as various extremely old doll body parts and told us of the history and use of the Cherry Hill dump site.

Our next meeting will be April 13 at St. Matthias UMC and is a joint meeting with the Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society C.A.R. & is our annual Youth Recognition event. Everyone is asked to bring desserts to share.

Refreshments were provided by Maggie Dunning & Peggy Neel.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Submitted by Peggy Neel, Secretary.