

Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter NSDAR
Chapter Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Regent Susan Harvin at 7PM at the Austin Ridge Clubhouse located in Stafford, VA. Present were 9 members, 1 guest & 2 prospective members. The Opening Ritual, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance & Preamble to the Constitution were recited followed by a reading of the President General's Message. A National Defense Message, American Indian, Constitution, Chapter Name & Patriot Minutes were presented.

Our special program this month was given by Gold Star Mother, Anita Dixon, whose son, Army Sgt. Evan Parker of Wichita, Kansas lost his life in 2005 while serving our country. Anita shared with us the history of the Gold Star Mother as well as mementos from Evan's life and service. This program was both informative and emotional and was appreciated by all in attendance.

Refreshments provided by Myra, Anne K., Amy & Susan were enjoyed by all.

The Secretary reported that December's minutes had been approved and that monthly minutes are now being put on the website. There was no Treasurer's Report but it was announced that the proposed budget has been completed. The Chaplain reported 7 birthdays for this month and the Registrar reported 2 new transfer members (Deborah Henning & Karla Bass) as well as papers on 2 prospective members.

The Proclamation making November American Indian Month for the State of VA has been received and Anita has received the 5 letters needed to submit the paperwork for the American History Award medal.

A motion was made and passed to spend up to \$100 to purchase copies of Diane Inman's book, Buddy and the Chickens, to be put in local libraries in honor of the State Regent's Project at James Madison's Montpelier.

A motion was made and passed to have a table at this year's Earth Day celebration on April 21st.

A motion was made and passed to nominate Anne Kline, Myra Wiggins & Donna Courtney for the Nominating Committee.

This Saturday is the Stratford Hall celebration of Robert E. Lee's birthday.

Next month's meeting is Feb. 8 at the Austin Ridge Clubhouse as the Chapter can no longer use the room at St. Matthias UMC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

Submitted by Peggy Neel
Secretary