

Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter NSDAR
April 13, 2017
Chapter Meeting Minutes

This joint meeting with the Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Society Children of the American Revolution was called to order at 7PM by Regent Susan Harvin at St. Matthias UMC in Stafford, VA. Present were 13 members, 10 CAR members, 1 prospective DAR member & 1 prospective CAR member. The Opening Ritual, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance & American's Creed were recited. Donna Sayre conducted the Youth Recognition Program. Lauren Elizabeth Marshall & McGowan Virginia Storage were introduced as the Surgeon Lawrence Brooke Debutantes. The winner of the Junior American Citizen Contest was Rachael Jang. The DAR Good Citizen Award recipients were Ranita Opuku Sarfo from Brooke Point High School, Jacob Ivory from Saint Michael the Archangel High School, and Jakob Lyons from Stafford Senior High School. The DAR Jr. ROTC Bronze Medal Award recipients were Joseph Heindrichs from Brooke Point High School & Crystal Berrios from Stafford Senior High School. Dessert was enjoyed by all following the presentations.

After dessert the business meeting resumed with members reciting the CAR Creed & the Preamble to the Constitution. The President General's Message was read, an American Indian Minute and National Defense Message given. Susan gave a history of the names of the John Alexander and Falls Church Chapters from District V. The Secretary reported that last month's minutes had been approved and emailed to members. The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$979.51, income of \$0, expenses of \$125 for an ending balance of \$854.51. The Registrar reported that she is working with 10 prospective members. Norma reported taking 3 boxes down to McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond and that she needs more lap robes and ditty bags. A Stafford proclamation commemorating WWI Remembrance Day was shown to the chapter. CAR committee reports were made. The Conservation Committee reminded us to wait until after the last frost date in May to plant outside especially if planting seeds.

The Chapter will have a table at the Earth Day celebration at Old Mill Park from 10:30 to 4 and will be handing out seeds & planting cups.

Susan reported on activities at State Conference and pointed out that our chapter received more than 10 awards with Donna Sayre and Myra Wiggins being given individual awards and Alicia Hillmer a card and thank you.

Our next year's slate of officers was elected following the normal DAR procedure & rules for elections. Regent is Susan Harvin, Vice Regent is Alicia Hillmer, Chaplain is Amy Stromberg, Secretary is Peggy Neel, Treasurer is Donna Sayre, Registrar is Myra Wiggins, Historian is Sonja Johnson and Librarian is Anne Kline.

Susan thanked Donna Sayre and Sonja Johnson for all the work they did for our program.

Next month's meeting will be May 11 at 7PM at the White Oak Museum
On Sept. 30 there will be a District V wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.
The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM
Submitted by Peggy Neel, Secretary