

Mary Ball Chapter, NSDAR  
November 19, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Mary Ball Chapter was called to order by Regent Maureen Vanek at 10:35 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the Tacoma Elks Lodge in Tacoma, Washington.

Executive Board Members:

Regent:	Maureen Vanek
First Vice Regent:	Melanie de Leon
Second Vice Regent:	Renée Crist - absent, excused
Treasurer:	Jean Meier
Chaplain:	Tami Reynolds
Recording Secretary:	Kay Southwell
Corresponding Secretary:	Angie Condon - absent, excused
Registrar:	Melonie Liening
Librarian:	Kay McArthur
Historian:	Sarah Burd

Regent Maureen Vanek and Chaplain Tami Reynolds led the opening ritual. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sandy Curtis. The American's Creed was led by Karen Meyer.

Regent Maureen introduced the Executive Board and Honored Daughters: National Chair Conservation Committee, WSSDAR 2nd Vice Regent and Honorary Chapter Regent, Lynne Stallcop; Honorary Chapter Regent, Gail Sawyer; and Honorary Chapter Regent, Pam Gassman.

Prospective Members introduced were Cheryl Towne, Suzanne Foster, Bess Poehlman, Carol Rikerd and Carrie Standish.

Also introduced were Norman Racine, HODAR of Debra Racine; Zandra McKerrow came with her daughters Tami McKerrow; Buffie Splinter brought her sister Susan Trainer and PM Carrie Standish brought her fiancée' Elliott.

A quorum was present.

1st Vice Regent Melanie de Leon read the President General's message.

Recording Secretary Kay Southwell moved "to dispense with the reading of the October minutes and approve them as distributed by email and posted to the chapter website". The minutes of the October 15, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

This month's minutes reviewers are Lynne Stallcop and Kay McArthur.

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME:**

Registrar Melonie and Chaplain Tami conducted the welcoming ceremony for Emily Winslow and for reinstating members Elaine Root and Janie Reynolds.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

Regent -

I thought after the October chapter meeting that I would have some time. Nope, not going to happen. Mary Ball is as busy as ever.

- If you read the November bulletin, which Melanie De Leon edits for us, you know about all the events we did in Oct. Already in November we have marched in the Auburn Veterans Day Parade, along with the SAR/DAR Fife & Drum Corps and Rainier, Lakota and Mary Fell Stevenson Chapters. Really fun! We had the largest DAR group! Then last Sunday we had a Daughter Date at LeMay – America’s Car Museum; Renee Crist, former curator of the museum, was our tour guide; it was fabulous and so interesting even for someone like me who is not really into cars; we 5 HODARs too!
- Do not forget that we have a very active, private Facebook group with history notes, chapter activities, notices, and photos; you can post, too. If you have trouble finding or joining it, please contact Coral Hileman or Renee Crist...they will be glad to help you.
- Lastly, as you will see in the 2023 budget presentation, we in Mary Ball rely on the generosity of our members to fully support the projects we want to do; your \$20 chapter dues does not cover everything. Giving Tuesday is fast approaching; please consider donating to operating, project and food expenses for next year. You can send us a check or use the PayPal Giving Fund link on the donations page in the Members Section of our website. And do not forget about Amazon Smile this holiday season...we receive a small amount from Amazon for purchases you make; use the link on the donations page to find it. Every little bit helps!

1st Vice Regent - no report

2nd Vice - absent, no report

Treasurer - report attached

Chaplain - report attached

Recording Secretary -no report

Corresponding Secretary - absent, no report

Registrar - report attached

Historian - report attached

Librarian - no report

**PROGRAM:** The Buffalo Soldiers, presented by First Vice Regent, Melanie de Leon.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

National Defender - Lori Gibson, report attached

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

We will be participating in Wreaths Across America at the Camp Lewis Cemetery on Ft Lewis, December 17 at 9 am; we will have carpooling from the 512 Park & Ride onto

JBLM; we have donated the \$300 in the 2022 budget to the Camp Lewis Cemetery WAA.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Hannah Lee Chapter in Iowa donated to KDS in honor of Mary Ball Chapter for having conducted a ceremony in July & laid flowers on the graves of their founding Regent & daughter who are buried in Woodbine Cemetery.

Recording Secretary read motions of recommendation from the executive board. First motion read: "By recommendation of the Executive Board, it is moved that we purchase \$.60 stamps with the unused \$350 allocated in the 2022 budget for an email program." Motion passed. 2nd motion read: "By recommendation of the Executive Board, it is moved the chapter pay for liability insurance only and that the \$690.00 designated for directors and officers insurance be applied towards the process of incorporation." Motion passed.

Regent Maureen presented the 2023 Chapter Budget for approval. (Attached)  
Recording Secretary read, "By recommendation of the Executive Board, it is moved to approve the 2023 budget". After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

**AUCTION (15 MINUTES TO CONCLUDE BIDS)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The next chapter meeting is December 10 at 10:30. Pam Gassman is speaking on 'From bum rolls to bustles, colonial fashion trends.' We are also putting together Cheer Boxes for the 35 residents of the Tiny Homes for homeless veterans.
- The Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Camp Lewis Cemetery on JBLM is December 17 at 9:00.
- The WSSDAR Winter Board of Management is January 20/21 at the SeaTac Marriott. Registration deadline is December 10.

Raffles and Auction winners were determined.

Chaplain Tami Reynolds gave the Benediction.

Regent Maureen adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

*Kay Southwell*

Recording Secretary

Date Approved: