

Mary Ball Chapter, NSDAR
December 10, 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, December 10, 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
Treasurer:	Jean Meier
Chaplain:	Tami Reynolds
Recording Secretary:	Kay Southwell
Corresponding Secretary:	Angie Condon - absent, excused
Registrar:	Melonie Liening
Librarian:	Kay McArthur - absent, excused
Historian:	Sarah Burd

Regent Maureen Vanek and Chaplain Tami Reynolds led the opening ritual. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeri Setzer. The American's Creed was led by Carrie Standish.

Regent Maureen introduced the Executive Board and Honored Daughters: Honorary State Regent and Honorary Chapter Regent, Kate Hull Pease; and Honorary Chapter Regent, Pam Gassman.

Prospective Member introduced today was Carrie Standish.

Also introduced was Norman Racine, HODAR of Debra Racine.

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 November minutes and approve them as distributed by email and posted to the chapter website". The minutes of the November 19, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

This month's minutes reviewers are Carrie Standish and Kate Pease.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME:

Registrar Melonie and Chaplain Tami conducted the welcoming ceremony for Lisa Dryer and Shelley Schlumpf and for reinstating member Elaine Root.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Regent -

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their family and friends!

- Last Saturday I participated in “Stuff the Bus,” organized by the Bethel School District, to provide toys, gift cards, food, books & clothing for needy district families; Jean Meier, Peggy Borgatti (a 4th Grade teacher at Naches Trail Elementary) and I delivered \$350 in Safeway gift cards and the 200 books and 225 other items (clothing, toys, arts and crafts, and educational games) that Peggy had collected; the district Director of Community Affairs called me to thank Mary Ball for creating cheer in the lives of district families.
- We learned recently that 2 chapter long-time members passed away. Barbara McGhee was 92 and passed away November 16 after being on hospice for some months; she had been a member since 1997; some “old-time” members might remember Barbara when she attended chapter meetings with her sister Martha McNeill, who is no longer a member. The other member, Sandra Elliott, passed away at 82 on November 28, 2021; an eagle-eyed member figured this out in reading a newspaper article (thanks, Lynne!); she had been a member since 1993 but had not been active in many years.
- This week I purchased \$300 worth of Canteen Coupons at the American Lake VA as budgeted for 2022; the VA Voluntary Service was extremely happy to receive our generous gift because the barbershop in Community Living Center has just reopened after covid and the coupons will provide 30 veteran residents with haircuts!

1st Vice Regent - no report

2nd Vice - absent, no report

Treasurer - report attached

Chaplain - Tami read an original poem titled, “Christmas Past” - report attached

Recording Secretary - Kay asked if anyone is interested in taking the Committee

Leaders course so we can qualify for the highest level award from National for chapter completion of the leadership training courses.

Corresponding Secretary - absent, no report

Registrar - report attached

Historian - report attached

Librarian - no report

PROGRAM: Fashion Through the Ages - presented by Honorary Chapter Regent, Pam Gassman.

Took a 30 minute break to assemble boxes for the Orting Tiny Home Village.

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, meet at 7:45, sign up now
- Cheer boxes will be delivered to the tiny home veteran village at Orting Soldiers Home Wednesday Dec 14 T 2 PM, Let Jean, Melanie, or Maureen know if you would like to attend and/or carpool
- Maureen presented Jeri Setzer with an award from National for excellent service as the NW Division National Vice Chair, National Defense Committee, and as a Location Coordinator, DAR Service for Veterans Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

\$350 Project Patriot line item in 2022 budget remains unspent. The Recording Secretary read a motion:

“By recommendation of the Executive Board, it is moved to reallocate \$100 of the \$350 to the 2023 Project Patriot line item and the leftover \$250 to the Orting tiny homes in 2022”.

The motion was approved.

NATIONAL DEFENDER: (report attached)

Lori Gibson read, “A Christmas Miracle” about the memorial for the Merchant Marine Ship, the Meredith Victory, on Geoje Island South Korea.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next chapter meeting is January 14 at 10:30 here at the Elks.
- The WSSDAR Winter Board of Management is January 20/21 at the SeaTac Marriott; the registration deadline is today!
- Remember to log your volunteer hours in the Members’ Section of the DAR website; contact Ann Crawford if you have any questions.
- WSSDAR “I Believe Scholarship” applications (\$250 for you, members, to take courses or attend school) due to Melissa Finn on March 15, 2023; ask Regent Maureen if you have questions.

Raffle: Joye Bucklin won this month’s basket.

Chaplain Tami Reynolds gave the Benediction.

Regent Maureen adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Kay Southwell

Recording Secretary

Date Approved: