

Mary Ball Chapter, NSDAR
September 24, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Mary Ball Chapter was called to order by Regent Maureen Vanek at 10:33 a.m., on Saturday, September 24, 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 - absent, excused
Recording Secretary: Kay Southwell
Corresponding Secretary: Angie Condon
Registrar: Melonie Liening
Librarian: Kay McArthur - absent, excused
Historian: Sarah Burd

Regent Maureen Vanek and Chaplain pro-tem Ann Crawford led the opening ritual. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda Ames. The American's Creed was led by Melissa Blackman.

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 Rosemary Hellene; Honorary Chapter Regent Marlana Geisler and Honorary Chapter Regent Gail Sawyer. Also introduced were Carole Richert, guest of Linda Ames; Eugenia Kompanowski, guest of Pam Coleman; and Janie Reynolds (potential transfer) and guest of Ann Crawford.

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 minutes and approve them as distributed by email with the meeting invitation and posted to the chapter website. The minutes of the May 21, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

This month's minutes reviewers are Rosemary Hellene and Amanda Brant Romero.

Registrar Melonie Liening and Chaplain pro-tem Ann Crawford administered the oath and welcomed new members Sandy Curtis, Roseann Brown and Ellen Mullins.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Regent:

Wow! A lot has happened since we last met. 8 members and I attended the first in-person Continental Congress in 3 years at NSDAR headquarters in Washington D.C.; attending in person is motivating and exciting, a great opportunity to network with daughters around the country and learn new things about the DAR. Sadly, three of us, Registrar Melonie Lining, Chaplain Tami Reynolds and I, lost our fathers over the summer. Thank you to everyone for your cards of sympathy and condolence. It is incredibly comforting to me as I am sure it is to Melonie & Tami, to know that you are a caring group of ladies and understand the sorrow and family concerns that accompany such a life event. We appreciate the support and patience you have shown us when we have had to be gone and otherwise occupied. Thank you! Unfortunately, Susan Nelson lost her husband Darron in August and Karen Meyer her father this week. We offer both Susan and Karen our deepest sympathy. However, we also have sparkling news as throughout the summer we planned upcoming chapter meetings and participated in activities:

- We cleaned and then laid flowers on the grave of the founder of a chapter in Iowa at the request of their chapter regent. Thank you to Ann Crawford, Tami Reynolds & Kay McArthur for making it happen!
- We published the Yearbook. Thank you to 1st Vice Melanie De Leon for your hard work and to Kay Southwell & Gail Sawyer for reviewing it.
- Ann Crawford and I organized Daughter Dates in August for members to meet and greet over coffee, lunch and great chit chat. Fun!!! We met some new members, too.
- We initiated a Calling Campaign to contact members with whom we have had no recent contact; this effort is ongoing.
- In Aug, we helped Sacajawea Chapter host the 100th Birthday Celebration for former Mary Ball member LTC Barbara Nichols, a retired nurse; thank you to our volunteers, especially Melanie De Leon who took over my job at the last minute.
- Renee Crist organized our highly successful booth at the Puyallup Fair, focusing on Constitution Week. Melanie De Leon made a "Guess the President" game that even the local police played (it was HARD!), the teenagers were the best at it though; lots of people stopped by to play the game, talk history, the constitution and/or DAR.
- Lastly, we handed out flags for Constitution Week to kids arriving at Naches Elementary School where Peggy Borgatti teaches; it was a special morning for us.

We have been busy!

1st Vice Regent - report filed

2nd Vice Regent - no report
Treasurer - report filed
Chaplain - no report
Recording Secretary - no report
Corresponding Secretary - report filed
Registrar - report filed
Librarian - report filed
Historian - no report

PROGRAM: Some chapter committee chairs were asked to give reports in hopes of informing members of the many ways they can be of service and to encourage them to become more engaged.

The following committees gave reports:

American Heritage: Pam Gassman
American Indians: Melanie de Leon (report filed)
Conservation: Lynne Stallcop
DAR Leadership Training: Kay Southwell (report filed)
Historic Preservation: Ann Crawford
Juniors: Sarah Burd
Literacy: Peggy Borgatti (report filed)
National Defense: Lori Gibson
Project Patriot: Angie Condon (report filed)
VIS - Facebook and Website: Renée Crist (report filed)
Women's Issues: Jennifer Rich (report filed)

15 Minute Break

1st Vice Regent presented an Ice Breaker: Who Am I?

NEW BUSINESS:

Regent Maureen talked about this month's project: Santa's Castle.

Regent Maureen talked about the flood that damaged DAR's Hindman Settlement School in Kentucky. Recording Secretary presented a motion from the Executive Board that Mary Ball Chapter donate \$300 in support of Hindman Settlement School. The motion was approved.

Regent Maureen presented 1st Vice Regent Melanie de Leon with a ribbon and certificate from NSDAR for placing first in the American Heritage Contest, Paper Art category.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This is dues season. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Regent Maureen Vanek or Treasurer Jean Meier.

- The next chapter meeting is October 15th @10:30, right here at the Elks Club. The program will be presented by Melonie De Leon on the witches of Salem, MA with historical context and legal insights. Wear your Witch hat for the best hat contest!
- National Day of Service: October 2 grave cleaning at Woodbine
- Halloween Party at Orting Soldiers Home on October 27 at 2 pm.
- National Defense Lunch is on October 29 at the Marriott Seattle Airport.
- Auburn Veterans Day Parade is on November 5 at 11 am...stay tuned for more info.
- Daughter Date tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Nov 13, at LeMay car museum.

Raffles: Dues, Money Basket & Summer Road Trip

Ann Crawford gave the Benediction.

Regent Maureen adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Kay Southwell
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: