

Mary Ball Chapter, NSDAR  
January 13, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Mary Ball Chapter was called to order by Regent Maureen Vanek at 10:35 a.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2023 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
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 Sharlene Friel.

Regent Maureen introduced the Executive Board and Honored Daughters: Honorary State Regent and Honorary Chapter Regent, Kate Hull Pease; National Chair, Conservation Committee, WSSDAR 2nd Vice Regent and Honorary Chapter Regent Lynne Stallcop; Honorary Chapter Regent, Gail Sawyer; and Honorary Chapter Regent Lee Gentemann.

There were no Prospective Members present today.

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

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

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

Regent:

I hope everyone had a great Christmas with family and friends. I certainly did.

- We delivered the 35 Christmas Cheer Boxes to the residents in the Veteran Village Tiny Homes on the WDVA Orting Soldiers Home campus on December 14. Thank you to Jean Meier for gathering wonderful donations of items from local businesses

& to Melanie De Leon for painstakingly creating paper trees for each box...a little bit of Christmas for each resident.

- We attended Wreaths Across America ceremonies at Camp Lewis Cemetery on JBLM and the Orting Soldiers Home Cemetery on December 17. Kudos to Melanie De Leon, Elizabeth Orten and Melonie Liening for participating in those ceremonies. And we had our member stationed at Guantanamo lay wreaths at the cemetery there...thank you Morgan Reid.
- I attended the GSDARRC (Greater Seattle DAR Regents Council) meeting last weekend; Lynne Stallcop is the Vice President; we discussed the George Washington Statue Wreath Laying ceremony on Feb 20 (President's Day) at the UW Seattle campus with lunch at a local restaurant to follow.
- And I have been working on the Chapter Master Report which all chapters do in January; we report our projects, activities, community service, training courses and membership status for the past year regarding the various DAR committees. Thank you to the Executive Board and Committee Chairs for providing their annual reports and helping to enter that info in the online forms; the CMR allows state, division and national committee chairs to recognize us for the work we do.

1st Vice Regent - Melanie reported on her visit to Chemawa Indian School.

2nd Vice - Renée gave an update on scholarships and contests to be awarded.

Treasurer - report attached

Chaplain - Tami reported that our daughter Karen Meyer has cancer and asked for prayers.

Recording Secretary - no report

Corresponding Secretary - Angie reported thank-yous received- report attached.

Registrar - report attached

Historian - Sarah read a history minute pertaining to Fannie Merritt Farmer.

Librarian - no report

**PROGRAM:** Shellie Willis from Women Veteran's Advisory Committee

Took a 15 minute break from 11:25 to 11:40 to introduce ourselves to members we haven't met before.

**ICEBREAKER:** We answered trivia questions about women and the military.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Maureen stated she will need some help presenting at the ROTC/JROTC award ceremonies.
- Lori Gibson gave the National Defense report about the Treaty of Paris in 1784 (attached)
- Nancy Thaut asked for some help with numbers for the CMR pertaining to DAR DNA Network
- Ann Crawford asked that we report our Service to America volunteer hours for 2022 before February 1, 2023
- Kay Southwell asked for new members for the Frank McCleary Medical Scholarship Fund. Three members volunteered - Lee Gentemann, Kate Pease and Pat Kurtz.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- WSSDAR Winter Board of Management is January 20/21 at the SeaTac Marriott; you may still register online or in person at the event with a \$25 fee to attend the BOM and there are still some lunch tickets available.
- Next Daughter Date is Sunday, January 29 at 10:30. Washington State History Museum; you can bring family and we will have lunch afterwards; location TBD

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- WSSDAR State Conference is May 4-7 in Pasco. Let Maureen know if you think you might be attending so she can add you to the list of possible delegates to be elected at the February meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALENDAR:**

- The next chapter meeting is February 18 at 10:30 here at the Elks.
- WSSDAR and DAR scholarship information is on the tables.
- George Washington Wreath Laying Ceremony on the UW Seattle campus, Feb 20th (Presidents Day), 11:30, lunch after
- Washington State Patriotic Day, March 4, 2-4 pm, Pioneer Middle School, DuPont
- WSSDAR State Conference, May 4-7, Pasco
- After the meeting Jean Meier will be conducting a right-side ribbon workshop and Nancy Thaut will work with the DNA Committee.

**RAFFLE:** Our guest, retired Command Sergeant Major Janet Thomas, won the basket.

Chaplain Tami Reynolds gave the Benediction.

Regent Maureen Vanek adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

*Kay Southwell*

Recording Secretary

Date Approved: