

Mary Ball Chapter, NSDAR
February 18, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Mary Ball Chapter was called to order by 1st Vice Regent Melanie de Leon at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the Tacoma Elks Lodge in Tacoma, Washington.

Executive Board Members:

Regent: Maureen Vanek - absent, excused
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

1st Vice Regent Melanie de Leon and Chaplain pro tem Buffie Splinter led the opening ritual. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Renée Crist. The American's Creed was led by Jean Meier.

1st Vice Regent Melanie 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.

Also introduced were prospective members Marilyn Likens and Rachel Likens. Debbie Racine's HODAR, Norman, was also introduced.

Special guests introduced were Carrie Venable Byrd, former WSSDAR Treasurer and Regent of John Kendrick Chapter. She is also the State Chair of the C.A.R. Committee, State Chair of the DAR Good Citizens Committee and she is on the State Speakers Board. Her son, James Byrd, was also introduced. He is the Washington State President of the National Society C.A.R. and will be today's speaker.

A quorum was present.

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

Recording Secretary moved to dispense with the reading of the January minutes and approve them as distributed by email and posted to the chapter website. The minutes of the January 14, 2023 meeting were approved as distributed.

This month's minutes reviewers are Lee Gentemann and Lynne Stallcop.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Regent: 1st Vice Regent read the Regent's report since she was unable to attend.
Regent Maureen reports that she:

- Submitted the Chapter Master Report to national in January as well as 13 reports to state chairs with photos; we report our projects, activities, community service, training courses and membership status for the past year regarding the various DAR committees. Thank you once again 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 and our "CMR answers are rolled up into both [our] state's statistical report and the national chairs' statistical reports and then are printed in NSDAR's Annual Proceedings that are archived in the Smithsonian Institute. We are part of DAR History!"
- Attended Winter Board of Management, SeaTac Marriott in Jan 20/21
- Organized and attended a Daughter Date at the Wash State History Museum on Jan 29.
- Met with Karen Meyer on Jan 25 to wish her well before her surgery.
- Reviewed & scored the WSSDAR Weber-Riemcke-Schreiner (WER) Scholarship applications (46); the WER is awarding \$4,000 this year.
- Attended the presentation by the Eleanor Wilson Chapter, Wash DC, of the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal to Dr DeMaurice Moses, MD, via Zoom, Feb 12. Lynne Stallcop, Tami Reynolds, Gail Sawyer, and Kay McArthur also attended via Zoom; Lynne spoke on behalf of the chapter.

More about the award and Dr Moses later.

1st Vice Regent - Melanie will be attending the Chemawa birthday pow-wow after the chapter meeting today.

2nd Vice Regent - Renée gave a brief background on the FISH Foodbank. Her monthly report is attached.

Treasurer - report attached

Chaplain - absent

Recording Secretary - no report

Corresponding Secretary - Angie read a thank you note (for canteen coupons) from the Volunteers Service Chief of Veteran's Affairs at American Lake

Registrar - report attached

Librarian - absent

Historian - Sarah read the Historian's Minute about Ida B. Wells. (attached)

PROGRAM: James Byrd, portraying George Washington, gave a talk about Washington's life.

BREAK (11:30 to 11:45) During the break raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win the last of the State Regent's dragonfly pin. More chances will be available during the March and April meetings with the drawing being at the April meeting. Tickets can be purchased from Jean Meier.

Attendees participated in a trivia quiz based on James' presentation regarding George Washington. Prospective member Marilyn Likens won the prize.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Lori Gibson gave the National Defense Report. (attached)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Delegates for the WSSDAR State Conference (May 4-7) need to be elected. Members who joined prior to July 5, 2022 are eligible. Kate Pease and Lynne Stallcop are automatic delegates due to their state positions. Names were taken last meeting, there was an opportunity to add more before the vote today.

Kay Southwell moved to elect the following members to be Mary Ball Chapter delegates at the WSSDAR State Conference in May 2023: Maureen Vanek, Melanie de Leon, Kay Southwell, Gail Sawyer, Melonie Liening, Peggy Borgatti, Kay McArthur, Renée Crist, Ann Crawford, Pam Gassman, Sarah Burd, Annette Huvler, Coral Hileman, Buffie Splinter, Lee Gentemann, Jean Meier, Nancy Thaut and Kristi Thies.

Gail Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Elks have raised the prices on food platters, almost double, not sure if we will continue to have food. Next month, however, is an already scheduled tea party as part of the meeting. Please bring your own very best tea cup (for judging) and wear a tea-party hat.
- Recording Secretary presented the following motion: Upon recommendation of the Executive Board, it is moved to donate \$100 to the President General's Project in the name of the Eleanor Wilson Chapter as a thank-you to them for organizing the ceremony/presentation to Dr DeMaurice Moses, M.D., with the DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal on behalf of Mary Ball Chapter. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CALENDARS:

- The next chapter meeting is March 18 at 10:30 here at the Elks.
- George Washington Statue Wreath Laying Ceremony on the UW Seattle campus, Monday, Feb 20, about 11:30 am
- Washington State Patriotic Day, March 4, 2-4 pm, Pioneer Middle School, DuPont
- WSSDAR State Conference, May 4 – 7, Pasco, WA

Raffle: Kay Southwell won the Ways and Means raffle.

Bylaws Chair Lee Gentemann announced that the proposed bylaw changes have been distributed by email and are posted to the chapter website in order to give the membership 30 days notice before we vote on the proposed changes at the March meeting.

Chaplain pro tem, Buffie Splinter, gave the Benediction.

1st Vice Regent Melanie adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Kay Southwell
Recording Secretary

Date Approved: