**Battell and Read Chapter**

**NSDAR**

**October 14, 2023**

**Monthly Chapter Meeting**

**New Castle Public Library**

**Call to Order:** Chapter Regent Valarie Leary

**Opening:** Susan Stonesifer

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lissa Hilsee

**The American Creed:** Sandra Komenda

**President General’s Message:** Read by Valarie Leary- Revised By -Laws for Non-Discrimination. Allows Transgender Women,

**Approval of Minutes:** Deferred to November meeting.

**Introduction of Guest and Prospective Members:** Lois Racine and Sheila Arnold

**Installation of New Officers:** Sworn in by Susan Stonesifer

* Regent: Valarie Leary
* Vice Regent: Rebecca Devore
* Recording Secretary: Cindy Snyder
* Corresponding Secretary: Jackie Albaum
* Chaplain: Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz
* Treasurer: Janet Rossiter
* Registrar: Deb Shetzler
* Historian: Denise Dyson

**Treasurer’s Report:** Janet Rossiter

* Susan Brooks moved to approve report, Lissa Hilsee seconded, motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jackie Albaum

* Cards sent to Tracy Walsh and President General.

**New and Prospective Members:**

* Still working on Mary Ellen Craig, Sara Clay, and Elaine Newcomb
* Antoinette Maccari-Klingsberg and Sandra Komenda verified by National. Will be sworn in next month.

**Old Business:**

* Naturalization Ceremony: Chris Everhart, Janet Rossiter, and Valarie Leary coordinated event for DAR to welcome new United State citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony at the New Castle Court House Museum on October 5, 2023. Contributed refreshments, goodie bags and GW cut out for photo ops.
* Website sent to National for review. Waiting for approval.
* Second DAR newsletter article for B&R Chapter Legacy Grant and Jr. Membership Grant.
* DAR Activities in Oct: Monarch Event, Art on the Green, Hope House Baskets, Stocking for Soldiers, and 1st Anniversary of Battell and Read chapter.
* DAR activities coming up: Stocking for Soldiers on Oct 25th 6:30-8:30pm, and Nov 6th 6:30-8:30 pm, Soldiers Christmas Cards Nov 4th 10:30 at New Castle Library, DAR After Dark- signing Christmas Cards. Doris will deliver Hope house baskets.
* Jackie Albaum suggests info on “Stand Down on Socks” for soldiers.
* Conservation – Rebecca Devore- Info on Migrations at Dupont EX Station sold 50 butterfly seedballs. Was a very nice kid’s event. We gave out coloring pages and butterfly stickers.
* We need a new National Defense Chair.
* We need Services to Vets Chair: Wreaths Across America, Soldier Sock Stuffing, Hope Center, contact speakers and go to events.
* Art on the Green- Lissa Hilsee- Made $217 on selling seedballs, Janet’s shells and Rebecca’s earrings. There was interest in DAR from visitors to table.
* Genealogy – Sherrye Eaton- Zoom program- “Proof Beyond Reason” Oct 23rd, 6:30pm. Contact Sherrye for link.
* Wreaths Across America- sponsor wreath for $17. Deadline is last Friday in November.
* At DAR Fall Meeting, Vera Bradley DAR Crossbody Bag will be raffled off for 3tickets for $10.00.
* December 2nd is out Holiday Tea at Valarie Leary’s house. More info to come on that.
* Spirit of New Castle Christmas is the second Saturday of De**.** We need volunteers to help with that.

Next meeting is Nov 18th at the Read House and Gardens.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Snyder

Recording Secretary