Battell and Reed Chapter. NSDAR

February 17, 2024 Meeting, 10:30 am

New Castle Library

Attending: Jenn Leary, Mary Ellen Craig, Sandy Clay, Sherrye Eaton, Laurie Bottoni Lorenz, Janet Rossiter, Rebecca DeVore, Valarie Leary, Mary Jo Davidson, Elaine Newcomb, Joy Hansen, Sandra Komenda, Lois Racine, Laura MacKelcan, Sandra Lastowka, Sheila Arnold, Deb Sheltzer, Cindy Snyder.

Call to Order - Chapter Regent Valarie Leary

Opening- Laurie Bottoni Lorenz

Pledge- Rebecca DeVore

American Creed - Laura MacKelcan

President General's Message and National Defense will be in the newsletter.

Honoring George Washington and Navajo and Native American Code Talkers.

Introduction of guests and Prospective Members- Elaine Newcomb, Sandra Lastowka, Joy Hansen, Sheila Arnold, Laura MacKelcan

Approval of Minutes: Sandra Komenda motioned, MaryEllen Craig seconded, all approved, motioned passed.

Treasurer's Report- Janet Rossiter

* All good
* An anonymous donation of $2,000 to chapter. Need to file a tax letter on that. A thank you card was sent around to be signed by all.
* Cindy Snyder made a motion to approve Treasurer's report, Mary Jo Davidson seconded, all approved, motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Chapter Regent Valarie Leary:

Finished and sent in chapter report. We did excellent!

* DAR After Hours on Tuesday. Bring books and work on blankets.

Vice Regent Rebecca DeVore:

* April 13th- Hale -Byrnes House clean up.
* March19th- Annual Delaware Bird Count. Count number and types of birds. Send to bigbirdcount.org.

Old Business:

* April 7- Library Appreciation Week. We need a chair. Give a donation?
* May 6-10th- Teacher Appreciation Week. Rebecca DeVore will take the lead on this. Laurie Lorenz will find out about Amazon Wish List items for school needs. Volunteers needed to put items together. Also give gift cards.
* October 6th- Lafayette in New Castle- B&R Chapter will sponsor a reception at the Amstel House and dinner at Jessops. Reception is free, dinner is $75/ticket. Valarie Leary applied for a $500 grand from America 250 and also another grant. Reception at Amstel is wine/cheese/music. Reenactor from Mt. Vernon will role play Lafayette. Dinner at Jessops will have Charlie Zahn for entertainment. Budget is $800-1200. Cindy Snyder motioned to sponsor both events, Laurie Lorenz seconded, all approved, motion passed. We need volunteers for set up at both events.
* Veterans Service Project- Mary Ellen Craig, Chair. Denise Dyson and Rebecca DeVore helping. Rebecca and Denise will do oral interviews with local vets. One is 102 years old living in Elsmere. Denise will video and that will go to National Archives. Need to have releases. Sheila Arnold wants to help.
* Large and Small move out kits. Large are $300. Motion to step back from large baskets at this time and reconsider. Janet Rossiter made motion to reconsider and Sandy clay seconded. Approved unanimously and motion passed.
* Genealogy meeting is cancelled.
* Mary Jo Davidson to buy a flag flown over the Capitol for the chapter. She will contact Senator Carper’s office.

Closing:

* Cindy Snyder motioned for meeting to adjourn, Rebecca DeVore seconded, all approved and motioned passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Snyder

Recording Secretary