

Minutes LAPASSAR Meeting

August 4-5, 2023

Motel 8 by Wyndham: Atrium

State College, PA 16801

10:00 am-Noon

President Becky Moyer called the meeting to order at about 11:00 am after an informative talk by Terry and Tom Martin on their Revolutionary War roots. Their presentation documented a historical novel based upon Tom's parents' research on ancestor John Martin's capture and enslavement during the French and Indian War, 1755-1764. Tom donated three of his parents' books entitled *Warpath*. All copies were purchased by our ladies to benefit the Centre County Chapter of the SAR.

Chaplain Pat McKim offered the prayer for ladies' reflection.

Becky then provided a brief summary of the 133rd Congress held in Orlando, Florida. John Dodd was sworn in as President General and will officiate at our 134th Congress in Lancaster, PA in 2024. His wife, Karen, suggested that we keep the centerpieces at the Ladies Luncheon simple. Becky shared her idea of one blue carnation in a bud vase (\$1.25/each) and then another vase with a gold carnation complemented with baby's breath—both different types of flowers decorated with ribbon for the tables. Ladies will assemble the centerpieces at the next board of management meeting (November 3-4, 2023) in Pittsburgh, PA. Becky still needs red, white, and blue carnations for the centerpieces as well as the sparklers. Based upon the numbers of tables she counted in Orlando, she calculates that we will need to decorate 44-46 tables. She will have a better idea of how many centerpieces we will need by May.

Ladies are encouraged to access the PASSAR website to sign up for volunteer positions for the 2024 Congress. Becky mentioned two options for the ladies' volunteer shirts: the first option is a polo shirt and the second will have a V-neck with color. She also shared her idea for the veterans' activity for the hospitality room. LAPASSAR can purchase 300 pockets and cards for \$104.00 to assemble and mail for active-duty overseas veterans. Stephanie Troutman made a motion to purchase these, Pat McKim seconded, and the motion was unanimously passed by our membership. Stephanie volunteered to contact a recruiting station for a contact person to send these cards. Becky also recognized new member Linda Robinson for her generous donation of miniature flags for our table decorations.

With no other business to conduct, Pat McKim made a motion for adjournment; Jan seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,



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