

Minutes LAPASSAR Meeting

February 2-3, 2024

Hampton Inn

Carlisle, PA

9:13 am – 10:54 am

Attendees: 1st Vice President Maribeth Wilt-Seibert; Madina Kopsick; Denise Reinhart; Linda Robinson and Stephanie Troutman. President Becky Moyer joined the meeting by phone at 10:35 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Vice President Maribeth, who read The Ladies Auxiliary Pledge.

VOTING RESULTS: Maribeth informed us that the names submitted by the Nomination Committee to serve on our Board beginning 2024-2026, have been approved. The are:

President: Becky Moyer

1st VP: Maribeth Wilt-Seibert

2nd VP: Denise Reinhart

Secretary: Sue Brown

Treasurer: Cindy Miller

Newsletter: Tiffany Riebel

Photographer: Randi Fonseca

Congratulations to the new Board!

New Members: We were happy to hear that we have two (2) new members although more details are unknown at the time of this meeting.

SCOPE of RESPONSIBILITIES at CONGRESS July 10-16: Six hundred (600) people are expected to attend the 2024 Congress in Lancaster, PA. The budget for **Gift Bags** is \$1,056.00 at \$4.00 each, that is, 264 bags. We were encouraged to consider appropriate goodies to be placed in the bags. Suggestions include nuts, hard candy such as Lifesavers (regular and sugar free), Hershey or Wilbur chocolates, Goldfish crackers, Sun Chips, Whoopie Pies, small jar of Apple Butter, pretzels, or gift certificates from the outlets. Additional suggestions were Tylenol, Kleenex, hand wipes, and spot remover. Many of the above-mentioned items are available in bulk sizes at Costco. For price comparison & even more variety, Madina has volunteered to visit BJ's and will inform us of any other items to consider. We ladies may begin stuffing the bags on Tuesday, July 9th, in the Hospitality Room.

The Hospitality Room: will be open to everyone on Wednesday July 10th & every day, at various hours.

Centerpieces: All centerpieces have been made and are ready for Congress. (The PASSAR will owe us for the centerpiece supplies). All volunteer positions have been filled to help with the placement and removal of centerpieces. If you have volunteered to help, please allow 1 hour to 1 ½ hours to set up.

Saturday, July 13th Council of State Presidents Breakfast, and the Youth Awards Luncheon (place and removal).

Sunday, July 14th President General's Banquet (place and removal).

Monday, July 15th Installation Banquet (place and removal).

Denise has offered to bring a wagon to help transport the centerpieces to and from the various events.

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At this time, President Becky Moyer joined our meeting by phone, with the following miscellaneous information:

1. Becky has made 159 bags + 9 = 168 bags. That is based on a ratio of 2 to 1 more men than women attending Congress. As a result, she feels confident we have enough bags.
2. Volunteer shirts should be available in May.
3. People are on a wait list to attend Congress since the hotel is sold out. Those in need of a room are being directed to the Holiday Inn Express 2 blocks away.
4. Becky will be attending the First Ladies Luncheon.
5. Becky will be attending The Ladies Tea.
6. Becky will not be attending any tours.
7. An original painting will be raffled off at Congress. The money raised will go to PSSAR. The artist is awaiting copyright protection before sharing any details of his painting.
8. Leadership Oct. 3-6, Louisville, KY., The Galt Hotel. The room rate is \$179.00, 2-room suite is \$199.00. That price is an especially excellent rate for a 2-room suite.
9. In memory of Billy Brock, there will be a memorial service after the Ladies meeting at Leadership.
10. Williamsburg, VA will be the site for the Middle States meeting in August. The SAR has reserved the entire Williamsburg Inn.

Youth Awards Luncheon: Becky is considering embellishing the cookie tray centerpieces that will be on each table. An American flag or a small placard with a brief history of Pennsylvania may be a nice addition.

Ladies Luncheon: Cameron Estate

Sunday, July 14th, 110 ladies are expected to attend the luncheon. Two (2) buses holding fifty-five (55) people will transport the ladies to the luncheon. Reserve your seat on the bus as soon as sign-up is available. If Punch is added to the drink menu, Maribeth has offered the use of her punch bowl for the Ladies Tea.

There is no speaker scheduled for the luncheon until one is approved by First Lady, Karen Dodd.

Sad News: Fred Olive, Librarian at our National Headquarters Library in Louisville, KY has passed away. The SAR Chaplain General, has passed away.

Maribeth volunteered to send sympathy cards and condolences to their families. May they rest in Peace.

A get-well card will be sent to Bill McKim who is recuperating from ill health. Bill is the husband of our Chaplain, Pat McKim. We wish him the best.

Financials: Money Market made \$11.71 in interest in December. The balance is \$7,136.64. CD \$5,000. Hospitality Fund \$2,200.53. General Fund \$2,078.10. Total \$16,415.27.

Recessional was read by Denise at 10:54.

No further business to discuss Maribeth made a motion for adjournment. Adjournment was seconded unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Robinson

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ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

1. Two new members corrected to one new member: Linda Grimm.
2. Ladies Congress Bags: the budget was for 198 bags at \$6.91.00 each.
3. Beverages in the Hospitality Room are provided by the hotel, according to our contract.
4. Ladies Congress Bags: the cost was \$10.00 a bag. The number made is 159, paid for by PASSAR and reimbursed by National. Becky made an additional nine bags at no charge.
5. The Speaker at the Ladies Luncheon will be Portia Brian. She will speak about the Donegal Presbyterian Church which celebrated their 300th birthday in 2021, the Witness Tree and Simon Cameron. (Approved by First Lady Karen Dodd).
6. Librarian General Fred Olive passed away February 2, 2024. He is not survived by living immediate family members.
7. Chaplain General Dwight Elam passed away December 19, 2023. He is survived by his wife and two children.
8. Pat McKim requested that any cards for her husband Bill be sent to their home address: 1815 South Villa, Gibsonia, PA.
9. Volunteers are needed in the **Hospitality Room** on the following dates:
 - Sunday, July 14th Two volunteers are needed 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 - Sunday, July 14th One volunteer needed for runner 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Monday, July 15th Two volunteers needed 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
10. Three Volunteers are needed for the **Volunteer Reception** on Wednesday, July 10th.
11. Three Volunteers are needed for the **Host Reception** on Thursday, July 11th.