

LAPASSAR Zoom General Membership Meeting: February 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. EST

In attendance: R. Ashmun, D. Harry, T. Kennedy, B. McMullen, B. Moyer, D. Reinhart, J. Showler, D. Watson, K. Westerlund, M. Wilt-Siebert (10 members)

In Pat McKim's absence, President Becky Moyer opened the meeting with a prayer and also led members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag as well the read the mission of LAPASSAR.

Old Business

Becky then announced the slate of officers nominated who, if accepted, will be sworn in at the dinner at the May Annual Meeting in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania (Penn Harris Hotel). Thanks to Denise Harry and Janice Showler for their service on the nominating committee.

Becky Moyer—President

Maribeth Wilt-Siebert—First Vice-President

Second Vice-President—TBA

Secretary Western PA—Debra Newell

Secretary Eastern PA—Taryn Kennedy

Treasurer: Diana Watson

Assistant Treasurer (Congress Sales): Denise Harry

Chaplain: Patricia McKim

Assigned Positions: Historian--Denise Harry; Newsletter Editor—Jan Showler

N.B. If you would like to be considered for the second vice-president position or know of a lady who would be an excellent candidate, please contact either Becky Moyer (beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com or 301-305-5579) or Maribeth (mwtseibert3@gmail.com or 717-576-4661).

New Business

D. Watson presented the treasurer's report:

General Operating Account:	\$2,668.98	(including donation of \$144.00 from PASSAR for one-year operation of online store)
Hospitality Room Account:	902.34	
Mt. Laurel Account:	2,705.00	
Tee/Polo Shirt Account	554.55	

2024 Congress Updates

Hospitality Room: The contract presently reads that PASSAR and LAPASSAR can bring wrapped snacks and fresh fruit to the hospitality suite. Becky has a list of other useful items that will be available. Please think of some projects you believe would engage those ladies attending. A few items in addition to puzzles include a themed project such as the one from the Seattle Congress: participants identified different local apples and shared recipes for them. Another suggestion included preparing packages for abused women. Please e-mail Becky or Maribeth with your suggestions (contact information above).

Ladies and Men's Bags: The present budget for ladies' bags is \$1,056.00 (264 bags @ \$4.00 each); men's bags are budgeted at \$5,180.00 (400 bags @ \$12.75 each). LAPASSAR requested permission to design ladies' bags so that these are more generic and useful for occasions beyond the congress. A small bag with hummingbird from the Arizona Congress provides an example. While compatriots will pay for their own bags, they have enlisted the aid of the ladies for the design. Do the ladies want to include anything in the middle area of the pin? Please share your suggestions with Becky or Maribeth. Also please think of appropriate goodies to fill the bags. National will contribute \$6,640.00 towards the bags (or fewer dollars if the bags are cheaper). Ladies discussed the relative costs of embroidering versus sewing a decal on each bag. Please consider volunteering to investigate different vendors for the ladies' and men's bags: we need to inquire about estimated costs, etc. Ladies felt that with other states raising funds for their own congresses (Savannah and Orlando, for example) that it is not fair for us to raffle our items at their events. Therefore, it was decided to wait until just before the end of the Congress in Orlando to sell our raffle tickets (see next item).

Other fundraising:

Becky opened a discussion about Richard Bollinger's donated watercolor that commemorates the Centennial of the Valley Forge National Historical Park (1893-1933). The ladies decided against a silent auction for the painting and thought a raffle would generate more funds. Suggested sale price would be \$10.00/one raffle ticket and three for \$25.00. Becky needs volunteers to investigate costs incurred for framing the painting. Ladies present estimated about \$150.00 to frame it. Please contact Becky to volunteer to help research possible vendors. Possible vendors include Hobby Lobby and Michael's. Becky will send an electronic copy of the painting as well as its dimensions so that volunteers have that information for their research.

Becky then explored the possibility of still another fund-raiser, "perhaps something that advertises our congress and/or something that would be inexpensive to purchase and sell." She invited suggestions from the floor. One member suggested a metal case for carrying credit cards that would advertise our congress. To defray costs, start-up funds could come from the mountain laurel account.

Reminders:

- Raffle drawing for Jane Miller's star quilt will be held on August 13, 2022. There is still time to buy that winning ticket! Contact Becky or Diana Watson (rwat@windstream.net or 814-587-6334 and 814-587-6334—cell).
- Consider purchasing a mountain laurel pin/necklace as a gift. We still have thirty-seven to sell.
- National Auxiliary Pins are available at \$10.00 each. A picture of what they look like follows on page three.



Let Becky or Maribeth know if you would like to purchase this pin, and they will pick one up for you at Leadership (March 3rd through March 6) in Louisville, KY.

- WOSAR name tags are also available. They cost \$25.00 and are available through SAR Merchandise Store, <https://www.sar.org/>

Closing: Becky read the LAPASSAR recessional, and Denise Harry read the benediction to close the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice R. Showler, Secretary
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