

**Board of Management Meeting
November 5 & 6, 2021
Wyndham Resort and Convention Center
2300 Lincoln Highway East
Lancaster, PA 17602**

Attending: Betty Bruce, Gina Gordon (Speaker), Nancy LeFevre, Bobbi McMullen, JoAnne Mengle, Jane Miller, Cindy Mills, Becky Moyer, Jan Showler, Carol Strasbaugh, Stephanie Troutman, and Maribeth-Wilt-Siebert (12 members and guests)

After a brief introduction of themselves as participants of this meeting, First Vice-President, Maribeth Wilt-Siebert delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Cindy Mills. Jo Anne Mengle delivered the pledge to LAPASSAR.

President Becky Moyer introduced speaker Gina Aleo Gordon who, in period dress, presented her life as Thomas Jefferson's wife, Martha Wayles Skelton Jefferson. More information about Gina and her first-person account of Mrs. Jefferson is available at MarthaWaylesSkeltonJefferson@gmail.com.

Happy fifth birthday to LAPASSAR! President Becky baked muffins for the ladies to enjoy during the meeting. She then presented Cindy Mills with a certificate of appreciation for her service as second vice-president in charge of fund-raising and first-vice-president in charge of membership. Ladies wish Cindy best wishes in her move to North Carolina and this exciting new chapter in her life there.

Maribeth Wilt-Siebert has moved up to first vice-president on the LAPASSAR board. She will assist Becky with selling Congress 2024 items at various PASSAR functions. She will assume Becky's responsibilities should Becky not be able to serve and will be in charge of membership. LAPASSAR is grateful to Maribeth for assuming responsibility for these tasks.

In the absence of LAPASSAR treasurer, Diana Watson, Becky presented her treasurer's report.

General Fund	\$ 2,688.72 (fund includes \$70.00 for quilt-raffle tickets)
Necklace/Pin Fund	3,056.34 (79 pins/necklaces sold; 41 more to sell)
Tee and Polo Shirt Fund	950.230 (38 tees and 15 polo shirts sold)
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	\$ 6,695.29

Becky then led a discussion as to whether ladies wanted to give PASSAR a percentage of its profits or give the society \$500.00 every May. Bobbi McMullen proposed that LAPASSAR designate an account for the 2024 Congress to be used for hospitality and other events for which ladies are responsible, holding excess aside. Stephanie Troutman seconded the motion, and the ladies passed the proposal unanimously. Bobbi also asked that a note be included in these minutes to remind those planning the congress to explore the Press Room, a venue located about one block from Congress, as a possible site for ladies luncheon or tea.

Becky acknowledged the talent and generosity of Jane Miller for her donation of her queen-sized, red-white-blue quilt to be raffled (\$10.00/ticket or three tickets for \$20.00) to benefit the 2024 Congress.

Becky next provided an update of the 2024 Congress which was presented to PASSAR at this meeting. To summarize, there was only one hotel in Philadelphia and one in Lancaster that met the criteria for the 2024 Congress. To consider was, among other factors, sales tax which was 7% in Philadelphia and 6% in Lancaster. Parking fees were another consideration. In Philadelphia, parking was \$45.00 (an additional \$12.00 for trucks + 22% occupancy tax per night) compared to \$10.00 for Lancaster. Value-added tax in Philadelphia is 20% in Philadelphia compared to 7% in Lancaster. There is also no soda tax in Lancaster.

The Congress will be held at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square (25 South Queen Street). Host reception may take place at the Rock Ford Planation. Suggestions for the long tour include Gettysburg and the Philadelphia Campaign; short-tour suggestions include York, site of the Second Continental Congress--winter of 1777-1778 and focus on America's religious freedom. Under discussion still is the site for the memorial service and ladies tea (to be determined by First Lady, Karen Dodd). Also under consideration is a tour of Philadelphia after the congress.

Tentative schedule of Events 2024 Congress

Thursday, July 11	Long tours and host reception
Friday, July 12	Memorial service, Rumbaugh finals and first-lady's tea
Saturday, July 13	Opening session, youth luncheon, and Minuteman Awards
Sunday, July 14 th	Second session, George Washington Endowment Fund Fellows, ladies luncheon, balloting, PG banquet
Monday, July 15	Third session, short tours, installation banquet
Tuesday, July 16	Day tour of Philadelphia

Becky shared news that SAR societies of New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland will provide manpower to assist with tasks needed at the congress.

Becky elaborated on the update of congress presented above by addressing specific responsibilities for the ladies auxiliary. For example, ladies are responsible for the design of goody bags: bags for the men differ from those of the women. Bobb McMullen suggested we use our pin design for ladies' bags. As an aside, the national society will allot \$7.50 for each bag.

LAPASSAR is also responsible for table dressings at the first banquet. Becky suggested a lantern with battery-operated candle that could be used at another banquet. She imagined it being surrounded by mountain laurel. She reminded ladies that the national society has allotted \$1,000.00 for flowers. Bobbi relayed that Royer's is the only florist in Lancaster*; she also suggested that we contact our state representatives for free brochures, etc. to fill ladies' bags. The state representative in Lancaster is Ryan Aument (36th District). His office is 2938 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603 (171-295-5050). Another member also suggested contacting area merchants such as Herr's for possible donation of chips or Hersey for their kisses to fill bags. The youth luncheon and banquet requires a set-up of 36 tables. Becky hoped that the lanterns from the first banquet table could be used again. One idea for the youth luncheon table

decoration was a baseball theme. Becky encouraged all members to think about other ideas and be prepared to discuss these again at our LAPASSAR meeting in February in Morgantown.

It was recommended that PASSAR members be encouraged to bring their wives to meetings: even some who are not members might be willing to help with many tasks the congress demands. Becky hopes to assign ladies for different activities so no one feels over-burdened. Bobbi suggested inviting DAR ladies to participate. It was also suggested that a copy of the application form for LAPASSAR membership be included in the board of management reports book for *each* meeting to encourage increased membership.

Finally, President Becky asked ladies to contact either her or Maribeth Wilt-Siebert if they would like to serve on the nominating committee or to be considered for one of the following opening positions on the board: second vice-president (check <http://passar.org/> and link to auxiliary for bylaws and responsibilities for these posts), secretary, and assistant treasurer. The assistant treasurer (not listed in the present bylaws) will oversee fundraising for congress only; that person will not have check-writing privileges but will be able to deposit monies raised. Former LAPASSAR secretary, Denise Harry will serve on the nominating committee.

Next board of management meeting will be held in Morgantown, PA on February 4th and 5th. Registration forms are available at <http://passar.org/> Click on *members* and then write the password *PASSAR2021* [regular font]. LAPASSAR's speaker will be Patrick Donmoyer who will present "Barn Stars Myths and Meanings in PA Dutch Barn Stars." **Hotel and meeting reservation are due no later than January 22, 2022.** Hope to see you there!

Jane Miller presented the benediction, and President Becky Moyer closed the meeting

Respectfully submitted,



Janice R. Showler, Secretary 2020-2022
Newsletter Editor

Addenda: For a list of florists in Lancaster, Pa, including the top ten, consult the following:
https://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=florists&find_loc=Lancaster%2C+PA