

General Membership Meeting Via Zoom

LAPASSAR

Thursday, February 25, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Attending: B. Moyer, President; M. Wilt-Seibert, Second Vice-President; J. Mengle, Treasurer; P. McKim, Chaplain; J. Showler, Secretary; R. Ashman; B. McMullen; A. Patten; D. Watson (9)

Regrets: N. Anders, D. Harry, E. Dechant; T. Edmonds Kennedy, J. Mc Geary; and J. Hall. (6)

Introductory Rituals

After President Becky scheduled a new meeting with a new Zoom link, members were able to connect to virtually for this meeting. She delivered the opening prayer for Pat McKim, Chaplain. Jan Showler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. In Cindy Mills absence, Becky led the group in the LAPASSAR pledge.

Acknowledgements and Introductions

Through a Power Point presentation, Becky reminded ladies of LAPASSAR's mission to support and assist both PASSAR and NSSAR in their educational and patriotic mission. She reflected on formation of LAPASSAR in November 2016 and acknowledged the officers at that time (J. Showler, President; D. Harry, Secretary; B. Moyer, Second Vice-President; B. Dechant, Chaplain). T. Edmonds Kennedy, South Eastern District for the Pennsylvania DAR was acknowledged. Unfortunately, some of these members were unable to virtually connect and could not be acknowledged at the meeting.

Because Diana Watson was unable to connect with video and audio to the meeting, she was introduced in absentia. Diana has graciously agreed to serve as interim treasurer, effective in May, to serve the remainder of treasurer Jo Ann Mengle's term as Jo Anne looks forward to retirement. The board is grateful to Jo Anne for her many years of service.

Old Business

Membership Eligibility

As you recall, a bylaw change was circulated for a vote in November 2020. It provides those ladies who support the mission of the auxiliary and the state and national societies to become members without being related by blood to a SAR member. The change was unanimously approved, and its inclusion is now in the December 2020 bylaws revision on the PASSAR.org website.

If you know of ladies who would like to join, please contact Cindy Mills [dalmootion@yahoo.com or 717-345-6313 (H) and 717-357-3493 (cell)] or Becky (beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com or 301-305-5579).

Accuracy of Membership Roster

Cindy also requests that you alert her to any change in your contact information as well as your birthday or anniversary dates and husband's chapter affiliation so she can check the accuracy of the membership roster. Jan would like to acknowledge your special days in the newsletter. Please send any newsletter items to her at upenn92@verizon.net

Pin Design

Becky circulated these three designs as possible choices for our LAPASSAR pin. We would use this design for pins to sell to fundraise as well as on stationery sent from the Pennsylvania Society. The flower is a mountain laurel.



Picture 1



Picture 2 (2" by 2" with *Pennsylvania* inscribed in middle



Picture 3

Single or multiple flowers inside an oval with red, white, and blue in an outer oval with *Pennsylvania* inscribed in background gold or light green. If not red, white, and blue, could have crystals around the outer edge. Another alternative is a round design.

Roz Ashmun volunteered to check her DAR pins to make certain that we are not duplicating a design that has already been used. Some ladies questioned the color in these pictures since mountain laurels are generally white with pink flecks.

Becky has contacted Pamela Wright for prices. Hopefully, we can raise funds at 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 Congresses as well as other functions.

Please let Becky know your preferences (beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com) for the design. She will need to acquire approval from the 2024 Congress Committee, an action questioned by some of the ladies. Becky report attending her first planning meeting for the Congress Committee on February 22nd. She has agreed to complete the following tasks: forward to attendees sketches of the image for tee-shirts and other items; forward also sketches of the mountain laurel that will be constructed as pins and/or broaches once completed; research emblem/image to be placed on golf shirts and forward that to the committee for consideration.

Becky also relayed the Board's discussion of tee and golf shirts. Again, once the artist furnishes designs, Becky will report back to LAPASSAR members as well as the Congress Committee which will provide seed money for the project. Approval from them may be a requirement for granting of this seed money. Since tee-shirts will be advanced order, LAPASSAR would not have to provide funds from its budget. Golf shirts will have an embroidered patch; these shirts cannot be advanced ordered. Again, the Congress Committee is willing to provide seed money. For each shirt ordered, LAPASSAR would have a return of \$10.00 in commission (perhaps more since this issue is still being negotiated. The artist, Tony Moreschi (website <http://tonymoreschi.com/>) also produces prints and for these, LAPASSAR would receive at least \$15.00 in commission). He may also be able to produce decals and coffee cups for those on a budget. Becky stated that the tee-shirts are ink printed and have a soft and luxurious feel. We pay no sales tax, and the artist can mail the products so that purchasers are not burdened with transportation or postage. The golf shirts may have a keystone and/or a Continental soldier embroidered.

New Business

Jo Anne presented her treasurer's report included here:

**Treasurer's Report
Ladies Auxiliary to PASSAR
February 15, 2021**

Checkbook balance 31 December 2020	\$4, 524.44
Income	
Proceeds from raffle at 2/6/21 BOM	140.00
Total Assets	\$4, 664.44
Expenses	
Check #102—Stephanie Troutman postage	\$ 15.50
Balance 15 February 2021	\$4,648.94

Planned Virtual Meetings: Mark Your Calendars

Becky plans two virtual meetings on **Thursday evenings of May 6 and June 24**. Please let Becky know if you would like to hear from speakers on those two nights and, if so, what topic

would you enjoy exploring. Please e-mail Becky at beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com with your suggestions.

Bylaw Additions

Jan presented two proposed by-law additions to Article VII—Duties of Elected Officers, Sections 2 and 5. They are presented here for your consideration; then Becky will follow voting protocol to vote by unanimous consent.

Section 2- **The First Vice-President** shall be the Administrative Assistant to the President. She will act as presiding officer in the absence of the President. She shall maintain a current record of the membership of the LAPASSAR. She shall supervise membership activities for LAPASSAR and promote membership to all ladies attending PASSAR events.

Proposed change marked with highlighting

The First Vice-President shall be the Administrative Assistant to the President. She will act as presiding officer in the absence of the President. She shall maintain a current record of the membership of LAPASSAR and, **with the Treasurer, she shall process member applications.** She shall supervise membership activities for LAPASSAR and promote membership to all the ladies attending PASSAR events.

Section 5-**The Treasurer** shall collect and receive all monies due the LAPASSAR. The funds shall be kept in a checking account and/or a savings account as directed by the Board of Directors. She shall pay approved bills and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements and make a financial report at each meeting of the membership of the LAPASSAR, and at the Board of Directors meetings.

Added paragraph marked with highlighting

The Treasurer is responsible for submitting a 990N-postcard electronically **no later than May 15 for the fiscal year ending December 31 of the previous year to ensure** LAPASSAR's continued 501(c)(3) non-profit status. She is required to save an electronic copy and submit it to the President as well as a print hard copy for LAPASSAR files. The 990N postcard form and instructions are available at <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

Maribeth offered one suggestion that “The Treasurer” in the added text be capitalized from “The treasurer” in the original text for consistency.

Jan acknowledged the good work of the by-laws committee, and especially Becky and Maribeth in updating bylaws from November 20, 2016. New ones are filed under Bylaws and dated December 14, 2020 on the Ladies Auxiliary link at passar.org.

Becky shared the customary practice of transporting a state basket to the host Congress ladies auxiliary to either bid on or raffle. Proceeds from basket defray costs of maintaining the Congress hospitality room, including coffee and goodies available. Becky, Maribeth and Jan will fly to Congress making transport of the baskets difficult. In discussions of the Board (Feb. 5 and 12), members suggested donating a check for \$50.00 rather than the basket itself. Pat McKim wondered how the Board determined the \$50.00 as a suitable amount, and Becky suggested that sum was the best estimate of what items in the basket would cost to include,

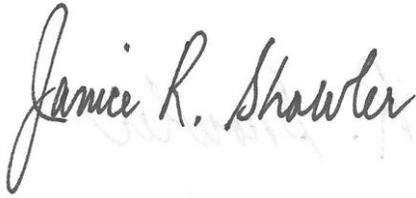
especially wine. Bobbi mentioned that there have been prohibitions against including spirits in the baskets because of liquor license concerns. Ladies present agreed that a check donation for \$50.00 was a viable solution.

After the LAPASSAR recessional and closing prayer delivered by Pat McKim, Becky closed the meeting

Addenda:

Before the meeting, Bobbi Mc Mullen offered an unframed print to Becky as a possible auction or raffle item. It will need framing. Thank you for this donation, Bobbi.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice R. Showler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Janice R. Showler
LAPASSAR Secretary
2020-2022