

Board of Management Meeting: LAPASSAR
Morgantown, Pennsylvania
Saturday, February 5th

In attendance: Joan Hall, Nancy LeFevre, Bobbi McMullen, Patricia McKim (via phone), Cindy Mills, Denise Reinhardt, Marina Safiullina (guest of Steve Kopsick), Carol Strasbaugh, Stephanie Troutman, and Maribeth Wilt-Siebert, First Vice President.

In Becky's absence, the meeting was called to order and conducted by Maribeth Wilt Siebert. Patricia McKim delivered the invocation (via phone connection). Bobbi McMullen led ladies in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, and former LAPASSAR President, Stephanie Troutman led the ladies in the pledge to LAPASSAR.

Old Business

In Diana Watson's absence, Maribeth presented the treasurer's report. Line items include the tee-shirt account, the Mountain Laurel account, the general operating account and the hospitality room fund. After disbursement of funds to the tee-shirt company of \$389.22, there is \$554.55 in this account. Still in stock are sixteen tee-shirts and six polo shirts at an estimated sale value of \$735.00 which, if sold, would add to LAPASSAR's profit of \$554.55. If not sold at this meeting, those tees and polo shirts will be sold at the Leadership meeting in Louisville, KY on March third.

The Mountain Laurel account has \$2,705.00. Per agreement of LAPASSAR ladies present and voting at the board meeting in Lancaster, PA, \$466.34 was transferred to the Hospitality Room fund. Thirty-eight necklace/pins are still in stock which translates into \$1,330.00 in additional profit if we are able to sell these. Like the tee and polo shirts, these necklace/pins will also be sold at the SAR Leadership meeting on March 3rd in Louisville, KY.

The General Operating account is \$2,608.98 which shows a \$144.00 contribution from PASSAR to cover the first year's online-store operation. \$105.00 was transferred from the General Fund to the Hospitality Room Fund after the board voted that the Hospitality Room Fund be a separate line item in the budget; this amount reflects monies collected from quilt-raffle sales as well as donations received.

The Hospitality Room Fund for the 2024 Congress has a total of \$801.34: that amount reflects monies transferred from the Mountain Laurel and the General Operating Accounts as well as initial raffle-ticket sales for the quilt.

New Business

The nominating committee has been hard at work filling openings on the LAPASSAR board of management that will be sworn in at the banquet of the Annual Meeting on May 6, 7 and hosted by Harris Ferry Chapter of the SAR. All slots have been filled except for the second vice-president. If you are interested in being considered for that position, please contact either Denise Harry (denise.harry31@yahoo.com) or Jan Showler (upenn92@outlook.com)

The present slate of nominees for offices include the following ladies:

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
Chaplain: Patricia McKim
Assistant Treasurer (Congress Sales): Denise Harry

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

The current board of management officers wish to thank ladies who have stepped forward to be considered for these positions. Thanks also to the nominating committee for their efforts to fill the slate of incoming officers.

May 6 and 7th Annual Meeting will be held at the **Penn Harris Hotel—Camp Hill**. Registration form to you will be distributed via Mailchimp. Special guests will include Vice-President General of Mid-Atlantic District, Troy Foxwell and his lady as well as PA State DAR Regent, Beth Watkins and her gentleman. **Friday, May 6** will include a dinner buffet and cash bar. **Saturday, May 7th** will include board of management meeting for SAR members, Ladies Program for LAPASSAR, luncheon buffet, memorial service at which time PASSAR, DAR, and LAPASSAR will lay memorial wreaths. Saturday evening night will include cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and full awards program.

Ladies discussed having Whoopee Pies for the Hospitality Room at the 2024 National Congress in Lancaster. Additionally, **the memorial service for the annual meeting** will take place at Paxton Presbyterian Church [please note correction].

Patricia Mc Kim delivered the benediction to close the meeting.

Introduction of speaker, William Donner, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology at Kutztown University



Dr. Donner spoke on “Serious Nonsense: The Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges and the Celebration of Ethnicity.” Check the forthcoming *LA Times* spring newsletter for highlights of this meeting and information about Dr. Donner’s presentation.