

LAPASSAR Meeting: Saturday, November 7, 2020

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In attendance: Denise Harry, member; Pat McKim, member; Maryann Coulter, guest; Susan Matlack, guest; Rosalind Ashmun, member; Barbara Keefer, new member, Debra Newill, guest; Karen Westerlund, member; Mary Stillman, new member Becky Moyer, member; Janet Aulenbacher, member (12 attendees). Welcome to new members Barbara Keefer and Mary Stillman. We are delighted to have you join LAPASAR!

Becky Moyer, LAPASSAR President, welcomed members and guests. Denise Harry led LAPASSAR members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chaplain Pat McKim provided the invocation. Becky then asked members and guests to introduce themselves (see attendee list above).

Treasurer's Report

The **beginning balance** in the treasury is **\$ 2,884.44**

+50.00 quilt donation

835.00 dues

205.00 donations

Ending Balance \$ 3,974.44

Jo Anne Mengle will retire from her duties as treasurer in May 2021. Thank you for an excellent job, JoAnne! A nominating committee is needed to fill JoAnn's position. If you have interest in serving, contact Becky (301-305-5579 or beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com).

The committee can participate via Zoom. Dues have been increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Lifetime membership is \$50.00.

Thanks to the efforts of Becky and second vice-president Maribeth Wilt-Seibert, LAPASSAR by-laws are being updated and will be sent to members for approval via electronic vote. Changes in officer responsibilities: President, 1st vice-president—membership; second vice-president—fundraising. Also, regarding membership, any lady who wants to belong to LAPASSAR and support its mission can become a member since she no longer needs to be related to a SAR compatriot.

2024 SAR Congress will be hosted by Pennsylvania. Location is yet to be determined. \$60,000.00 is needed to cover expenses. Volunteers are needed for fundraising committee: meetings will be held via Zoom. One idea for a fundraiser is a Pennsylvania state pin/necklace with a suggested Mountain Laurel motif design. Becky and several LAPASSAR ladies attended Friday's meeting where funding for the 2024 Congress Host Party was discussed: some compatriots suggested raffling knives as well as collecting personal monetary pledges. Becky explained various considerations necessary to Congress planning. Hostesses will be needed to volunteer in the hospitality room as well as for various activities.

Members appreciatively note President Becky's service to PASSAR in selling 2024 commemorative medals for the Philadelphia Congress at this board of management meeting (BOM)! Thanks also to Chaplain Pat McKim for her assistance during this meeting as well as in selling raffle tickets.

Our **next LAPASSAR meeting** will be held on **February 6, 2021 in Philadelphia**. More information will be in the next *LA Times* newsletter. Contact Jan Showler (814-616-6940 or upenn92@verizon.net) or Becky Moyer (301-305-5579 or beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com) to offer items to be included.

The meeting closed with the LAPASSAR Recessional, led by President Becky Moyer, and Benediction, delivered by Chaplain Pat McKim. Mary Stillman asked for prayers for the 2024 SAR Congress.

Ladies Program



Susan Matlack (pictured above), Regent, Pittsburgh Chapter NSDAR, presented a discussion of "Women's Suffrage—The Centennial of the 19th Amendment" The movement was born from the anti-slavery movement in the late 19th century. The Seneca Falls convention, held on July 19 & 20, 1848, enumerated a Declaration of Sixteen Sentiments that follow here:

The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward woman, having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over her. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has never permitted her to exercise her inalienable right to the elective franchise.

He has compelled her to submit to laws, in the formation of which she had no voice.

He has withheld from her rights which are given to the most ignorant and degraded men - both natives and foreigners.

Having deprived her of this first right of a citizen, the elective franchise, thereby leaving her without representation in the halls of legislation, he has oppressed her on all sides.

He has made her, if married, in the eye of the law, civilly dead.

He has taken from her all right in property, even to the wages she earns.

He has made her, morally, an irresponsible being, as she can commit many crimes, with impunity, provided they be done in the presence of her husband. In the covenant of marriage, she is compelled to promise obedience to her husband, he becoming, to all intents and purposes, her master - the law giving him power to deprive her of her liberty, and to administer chastisement.

He has so framed the laws of divorce, as to what shall be the proper causes of divorce; in case of separation, to whom the guardianship of the children shall be given, as to be wholly regardless of the happiness of women - the law, in all cases, going upon the false supposition of the supremacy of man, and giving all power into his hands.

After depriving her of all rights as a married woman, if single and the owner of property, he has taxed her to support a government which recognizes her only when her property can be made profitable to it.

He has monopolized nearly all the profitable employments, and from those she is permitted to follow, she receives but a scanty remuneration.

He closes against her all the avenues to wealth and distinction, which he considers most honorable to himself. As a teacher of theology, medicine, or law, she is not known.

He has denied her the facilities for obtaining a thorough education - all colleges being closed against her.

He allows her in Church as well as State, but a subordinate position, claiming Apostolic authority for her exclusion from the ministry, and with some exceptions, from any public participation in the affairs of the Church.

He has created a false public sentiment, by giving to the world a different code of morals for men and women, by which moral delinquencies which exclude women from society, are not only tolerated but deemed of little account in man.

He has usurped the prerogative of Jehovah himself, claiming it as his right to assign for her a sphere of action, when that belongs to her conscience and her God.

He has endeavored, in every way that he could to destroy her confidence in her own powers, to lessen her self-respect, and to make her willing to lead a dependent and abject life.

(Source: <https://www.nps.gov/wori/learn/historyculture/declaration-of-sentiments.htm>)

Tennessee was the deciding state and ratified the Nineteenth Amendment on August 26, 1920. Mississippi was the last state to ratify in 1984.

Secretary Janice Showler thanks Debra Newill, Regent of the Braddock Trail Chapter of the NSDAR for writing notes upon which these minutes were constructed. Great job, Debra, and much appreciated!

Appreciatively recorded,



Janice Showler
LAPASSAR Secretary, 2020-2022
Minutes: November 11, 2020

Post LAPASSAR Meeting Notes:

LAPASSAR members congratulate Chaplain Patricia M. McKim on her award from the Office of the Chaplain General, a certificate as well as a lapel pin of the shepherd's crook. The certificate explains the symbolism of the shepherd's crook: "[It] is emblematic of pastoral ministry and was the first symbol used to identify chaplains in the army. The numerals '1775' commemorate the date of the establishment of the army." Proudly wear and display, Pat!

Fifty-fifty fundraising tickets were sold at the LAPASSAR meeting and at the beginning of the BOM luncheon.

During the luncheon, the winning 50/50 raffle ticket was drawn, with the winning ticket held by Compatriot Frank Stillman. Frank and his wife, Mary, donated their share of the total proceeds \$108.00 (rounded up from \$107.50) asking specifically that the total \$108.00 be added to donations for the 2024 Congress. The total pot was \$215.0. Thank you, Frank and Mary: LAPASSAR appreciates your generosity!