

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

ATLANTA TOWN COMMITTEE VOTING MEETING

CHEROKEE TOWN CLUB

10:00 AM

ATTENDEANCE – 99

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:15AM by Town Chair, Helen McSwain. Vickie Gillespie led us in the lord's Prayer, followed by the Salute to the Flag.

We then joined Dana Lindsey, Pam Kuester, Page Edenfield and Betsy Perkins to sing the National Anthem. Afterwards Ann Hart Hunter read Article II of the Dames' Constitution.

RECORDING SECRETARY Nanky Tribble stated that the Minutes of the Membership Meeting held on November 2, 2023, at the Piedmont Driving Club were approved by the Executive Committee. She made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes, which was seconded and approved. A second motion was made to approve the Minutes of the November 2, 2023, Membership meeting, which was seconded and approved. The Minutes of the November 2, 2023, Membership meeting will be marked as approved, dated and signed by the Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Henny Whelchel said that the report was approved by the Executive Committee and will be filed as presented. It states as follows:

The Truist an BNY Mellon accounts total \$128,465.56. Of this amount, Donor restricted funds total \$50,270.13 and Board restricted funds total \$4,000.00. Leaving us with a net operating balance of \$74,195.43.

Donor Restricted fund balances:

Werner fund: \$16,308.92; Lamar Room: \$11,048.62; Share: \$3,385.00; Oakland Historic Foundation: \$4,308.00; Patriot's Camp: \$11,267.59; and America's Vet Dog: \$3,952.00.

In December 2023, we gave \$3,600.00 to Oakland for the Women's Comfort Station, which included the \$1,000.00 State Grant and \$2,600.00 in Donor Funds. The remaining balance of our contributions to the Historic Houses and the American Indian Medical Scholarship Program (the updated name for the Indian Nurse Scholarship Program), all totals \$3,000.00.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT

Penny O'Callaghan informed us about the upcoming dues. She said to look for an email in February requesting payment for our Town Committee Dues, which are due March 15th, 2024. She continued

to encourage us to pay on-line, which will be much easier this year because of some tweaking/updating on our website. She thanked us for paying the dues last year on time, using the website and to please continue your efficiency this year.

VOTING

Helen McSwain reminded the Courtesy and Guest Members that they are not eligible to vote, but thanked them for being at the meeting, while we do enjoy your company and appreciate you being here.

NOMINATING

Nancy Quarles proposed the following slate of officers:

Position of Vice Chair: Mandy Reeve

Where there were no further nominations for this position, the Nomination for Vice Chair was closed. Upon which the Slate of Officers was adopted and moved; therefore, the position of Vice Chair was approved. Mandy Reeve will be inducted at our May Membership meeting.

VOTING ON NEW CANDIDATES

Helen announced that the Town Committee will now be voting on 8 Candidates who have each been proposed and endorsed by 2 of our members. Helen continued with explaining the procedure for electing new members. The new members will be notified, along with their proposers, by March 1, 2024, and should promptly write a formal acceptance. Alice Gage will be available to the new candidates for guidance through the remaining part of the process.

Before the election of any new member in the State of Georgia, By-Laws require that a letter written by Mrs. Samuel H. Orr be read, which was done by Katie Hamilton Brandy.

While ballots were distributed among the eligible voting members, Helen reminded the Proposers of their obligations, duties and responsibilities when proposing a candidate. She also explained the Standing Rules for the voting process. Helen administered the Pledge of Commitment to the Proposers and Endorsers, followed by the presentations of each candidate. Once the presentations were complete, the members voted.

NECROLOGY

Mandy Reeve read Resolutions for Mrs. Edward Lawton Daugherty and Mrs. John Bell, Jr. She then made a motion that these Resolutions be mailed to the families and spread among the Minutes, which was seconded and approved. Mandy ended with a prayer to remember these Dames.

MEMBERSHIP

Helen McSwain reported on behalf of Roster Chairs; Carter Jones and Katie Hamilton Brandy, that we currently have 388 Town Committee members; 24 Courtesy, 2 Diamond, 1 Special life, 21 Honorary and 18 retired Members. She asked if anyone (at any time) has a name, address, contact information change to please alert either Carter or Kaite so we may keep our Roster current.

PATRIOT'S CAMP

Chrissy Wayt gave a brief report which included the dates for the 2024 camp, July 8-12th. She encouraged us to volunteer by signing up on the sheet being passed around the room. Chrissy let us know she was looking for an art teacher, which is a paid position. At this point, we have 2 campers who qualify to attend the camp and are currently looking for 10 more.

PATRIOTIC SERVICES

Brooke Wilson gave a glowing report stating the Congressional Essay Contest had encouraging participation this year. We received many essays from 14 schools. She was happy to state 2 students from Pace Academy were Essay winners. They will go to Washington DC this summer to participate in the Congressional Essay camp. This was exciting news for our Town Committee and is our hope that each winner will attend one of our upcoming meetings and read their essay.

The meeting concluded with a "SPECIAL GUEST" to tell us about women during the colonial days who greatly contributed to the founding of our country and colonies. These women will be discovered and identified by a new project from the National called "250 by 250". One of these women and our special guest, "Mrs. Lucy Mouse" told us a wonderful story of her life and involvement during the colonial period. She came over from England by ship to the Colony of Georgia on Skidaway Island in 1733. The Atlanta Town Committee's chair for this project is Charlotte Christian. Please contact her if you are interested in volunteering with this project.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50am

Respectfully submitted,

Nanky Tribble

Recording Secretary