

**THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIA DAMES OF AMERICA
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA TOWN COMMITTEE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 8, 2020
BY ZOOM
10:30 AM**

ATTENDANCE - 41

CALL TO ORDER

Atlanta Town Chair, Mrs. George Robert Lindley, Jr., (Susan) called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM. All stood and said the Lord's Prayer led by Mrs. John Baxter Gillespie (Vicki). Mrs. Jeffrey Ray Kuester (Pam) sang the National Anthem. Vicki led us in the reading of the Salute to the Flag. Mrs. Joseph Very Quarles (Nancy) read Article II of the Dames' Constitution.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Erwin John Whelchel (Henny) stated that the Minutes of the Membership Meeting held on January 16, 2020 were approved by the Executive Committee on September 30, 2020. A motion was passed to dispense with the reading of the Minutes. A second motion was passed to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2020 Membership Meeting, which will be marked as approved and signed by the Recording Secretary.

STANDING RULES

Mrs. David Robert Bockel (Jane) read the changes to the Standing Rules that were approved at our September 30, 2020 Executive Committee meeting. Two dates were changed in Article 5, section C. Dues notices will be sent on or by March 15 with payment due by May 1. After May 1, a \$20.00 monthly late fee will be assessed. A Dame will be dropped after August 1 if dues and assessed late fees are not received.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. William Ronald Hinson (Lisa) stated that we are in good financial condition. We have a balance of approximately \$ 112,000.00. Donor restricted funds total \$ 39,529.00 leaving a balance of approximately \$ 73,000.00 in operating funds. We have board restricted funds of \$ 2400.00 for Oakland and \$ 11,000.00 for the state annual meeting leaving us with a net operating account balance of \$ 59,500.00. The donor restricted fund balances are as follows:

Werner Fund--\$ 18,000.00

Lamar Room--\$ 15,000.00

Share--\$ 2500.00

Oakland--\$ 1900.00

Patriot's Camp--\$ 1300.00

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. James Tinsley Porter, Jr. (Celeste) presented the Assistant Treasurer's report regarding the collection of dues and the transition to on line dues paying through our website. This transition in addition to the pandemic caused the dues collection period to extend longer than usual.

ATL 21 and GRANTS

Vicki Gillespie reported that the annual meeting of the Georgia Dames would now be held April 19-21 of 2022. This was due to medical advice that it would not be possible to ensure the safety of those attending if held spring of 2021. A great video will come out soon to announce it. She appreciates all the help of the committee so far. Vicki also stated that there are two grants that we can apply for and raise matching funds. Patriot's camp was not held this summer but it will take place in 2021. Three Town Committees in Georgia want to institute the program and tailor it to their location. We will apply for the Lucinda Pendleton Lamar award for Patriot's Camp in 2022. Oakland 's project of cleaning the 27 statues is up for the Lamar award this year. It is a national excellence award and will be announced at the Biennial in October. Georgia has won it at the last two Biennials.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS SINCE since the January 2020 Membership Meeting

352 Atlanta Town Committee Members

20 courtesy and Guest Members

11 New Members

1. Ms. Cynthia Ann Arrendale (Cyndae)
2. Mrs. James Christian Briggs (Lavin)
3. Mrs. Heyward Morris Fougrousse
4. Mrs. Roy Merry Jones (Carter)
5. Ms. Courtney Smith Loudermilk (Courtney)
6. Ms. Elizabeth Faith McCormick (Faith)
7. Mrs. Alice Wright Pettway (Alice)
8. Mrs. Courtenay Smeltzer Presten (Courtenay)
9. Mrs. Gregory George Schultz (Margaret)
10. Mrs. Winston Eason Weinmann (Brooke)
11. Mrs. John Charles Coffin (Mary)

Reinstatements 0

4 Transfers In: - Mrs. Roy Merry Jones (Carter)
Mrs. Keith Wayne Mason (Twinker)
Mrs. Edwin Yarborough (Bette)
Mrs. Charles Kendrick McKnight (Jean)

1 Transfers Out:-Mrs. Peter Alan Townsley (Leigh)

1 Resignations:-Mrs. Stephen Todd McGarrity (Anna)

1 Dropped-Pending

4 Deaths: - Mrs. James Walter Bland, Jr. (Nancy)
Mrs. Katie Dickey Marbut
Mrs. Ben Lacy O'Callaghan (Helen)
Mrs. Charles Hugh Peterson (Jeannette)

Our necrologist, Mrs. Charles Gray Bethea (Mary), has composed lovely resolutions for each of these ladies and these will be read at the next membership meeting in January 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GUNSTON HALL

Mrs. Joseph Maurice Spang (Mimi) gave a brief history of Gunston Hall and the Colonial Dames. She was excited to announce a virtual Colonial Cocktail Party fund raiser for Gunston Hall on Thursday, November 5th just for Georgia Dames. She hopes that many of you will register and participate.

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

Susan Lindley reported that Mrs. C. Samuel Ehlers (Joanie) is working on having a group of us to either meet with Governor Kemp or to pose elsewhere for a picture with the Bill of Rights document. The Bill of Rights Day is December 15, 2020.

SULGRAVE MANOR

Mrs. Adolphus Busch Orthwein (Judy) reported that Sulgrave Manor had to close for covid April 1st but this allowed time for repair work and to work on a new exhibition about George Washington. The house is expected to open May 2021 and there is a trip to Sulgrave planned by Connoisseurs Tours in June. The trip is sold out but if interested, you can put your name on a waiting list.

OAKLAND CEMETERY

Mrs. John Franklin Walker, Jr. (Kathy Chapman) gave a comprehensive report of the project restoring the Women's Comfort Station and also shared pictures. She reported that the Halloween tours will be filmed this year such that you can experience the tour from the comfort of your home. Tickets are \$ 15.00. Also this year there will be a virtual pumpkin carving workshop. There is a new gate on the east side with wonderful signage.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Susan Lindley gave the report for Mrs. John Collier Horton (Helen) and Ms. Joy Parrish McCall. Helen and Joy are working on the Essay contest and have added the Atlanta Girls School as a participant. Plans to fill baggies for deploying soldiers from Robins Air Force Base was cancelled due to covid but we hope to reschedule this. The trip to the Immigration and Naturalization ceremony has also been cancelled but this will be rescheduled when possible. Helen and Joy will help recruit volunteers for Patriots Camp next summer.

PATRIOTS CAMP

Vicki Gillespie gave a report for Mrs. James Twyman Wayt (Chrissie). Patriots Camp had to be cancelled this summer. Patriots Camp was started to help pass down the factual history of our country's founding to students. Another goal was to have this program duplicated by other Georgia Town Committees in their communities. Brunswick had planned to host a Patriots Camp this past summer but also had to cancel. Milledgeville, Athens and Waycross have all expressed interest. Next summer besides hosting Patriots Camp in Atlanta, we hope to help and mentor some of these Town Committees in putting on Patriots Camps. We will be applying for a Lamar award for Patriots Camp at the next biennial in 2022.

NEW CANDIDATES

Candidate proposal forms are due by 6 pm December 15, 2020 to Susan Lindley. Please email Susan for full instructions as every detail is important.

TOWN CHAIR'S REPORT

Susan Lindley reported that she and Vice Chair Nancy Quarles attended the State Board meeting in Savannah last February. She encouraged members to join the Friends of the Andrew Low House. She informed us that all 13 of our proposed candidates were approved. Susan reported that due to the pandemic the New Member's Reception, the Field Trip to Berry, the Athens Annual meeting, our Spring Cocktail Party/Meeting, Patriots Camp, the Fall Cocktail Party and the Round Table in Madison were all cancelled this year.

A group of Dames met to present the gold Roll of Honor pin to our 2009 recipient, Mrs. James Tinsley Porter (Tee). Much of Susan's time in 2020 has been working with Celeste Porter and Mrs. William Eugene Hamilton, Jr. (Katie) setting up and fine tuning the new webpage, AtlantaTownCommittee.com. We also have a Facebook Page, NSCDA-Georgia. Susan will be emailing out a new calendar, a roster of our current board members and a resource list with user names and passwords for both the Georgia society and National websites. She also worked on dues collection for the state and for the National Society.

The following board positions will be open soon: Vice-Chair, Co-Assistant Treasurer and Roster Co-Chair. The co-assistant treasurer will serve with Mrs. Philip Irby Dunklin (Sanford). The Roster Co-Chair will replace Mrs. Ralph Ragan Morrison (Becky). Katie Hamilton is staying on.

The next membership meeting will be the voting meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021 either at the Capital City Club in Brookhaven or virtually by Zoom.

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Henny Whelchel
Recording Secretary

