

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA TOWN COMMITTEE SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND COCKTAIL PARTY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2023
PEACHTREE HILLS PLACE – GEORGIAN ROOM
5:30 pm
ATTENDANCE 87

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Town Chair, Mrs. Joseph Very Quarles III(Nancy) at 5:45. Ms. Sydney Patricia Smith (Cissy) led us in the Lord’s Prayer and reciting the Salute to the Flag. Nancy then welcomed our newest members: Mrs. Aiden Emmett Barnes, IV (Patty); Mrs. Eleanor Hallowell Burke (Eleanor); and Mrs. Frank Benedict Marxer (Barbara).

PATRIOTS CAMP

Mrs. John Baxter Gillespie (Vicki) first expressed extreme thanks to Mrs. Henry McKemie Wyche (Ellen Adair) for securing the Cator Woolford Gardens as the location for Patriots History Camp this summer. Vicki then told a story about a camper who was very resistant at the beginning of camp to be involved. Through the week she began to show much enthusiasm and interest in learning. The camper said to the teacher that she was “going to stop trying not to be smart”. That made such an impression on Steve he invited this encouraging camper to come speak to the 2023 campers. This was such a reward to those involved in Patriots Camp, knowing now that we are making a difference for these children. Vicki explained that our budget is higher this year and we are underfunded. She asked for donations from the membership in order to keep this mission going.

ASSISTANT TREASURER’S REPORT

Mrs. Ben Lacy O’Callaghan, Jr. (Penny) thanked those members who have paid their dues either by check or on-line. The on-line payments increased by a large percentage this year, and Penny encouraged us to continue to do so. She is happy to offer any assistance to those members who don’t understand the process of paying on-line.

TOWN CHAIR’S REPORT

Nancy encouraged the membership to continue to financially support all our Town Committee projects. She then graciously thanked all those involved with planning the party, for the exquisite flowers, food and drink selection, and the organization of today’s meeting and party.

This was followed by Nancy inviting all the past Town Chairs who were present to the stage, where they received a gracious applause expressing appreciation for all they have done for our Town Committee over the years. Nancy made a few statements about the importance of wearing the Town Chair Badge and what it symbolizes for the Colonial Dames on-going mission.

Nancy invited Dr. Helen Funk McSwain (Helen) to the stage for her installation. Nancy presented the gavel to Helen for her to perform her first job as Town Chair, to end the meeting. But first, she thanked Nancy for all her past help and future help. She ended the meeting with a quote from the Surgeon General, stating that our country is in a health crisis of loneliness and isolation, and that what we do as Dames, through our friendships, services we provide, outings and all we support, go a long way toward improving our own health and that of our Country. Helen ended the meeting asking us to follow the Surgeon General's advice by being involved, getting to know each other and acting on our Patriotic Duty with our participation and enjoyment in this lovely gathering.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanky Tribble

Recording Secretary.