

Minutes August 8, 2023  
Mason City Chapter DAR

We began our meeting with the tour of the Winnebago Mansion Museum in Forest City. Special thank you to Martha Hansen for helping to set up the program and to Martha and Marian Lenz for being our hostesses.

Members present: Ann Cooper, Valerie Edison, Martha Hansen, Lyn Johnson, Marian Lenz, Jan Lukes, Nancy Marsh, Diane Murphy, Patricia Oelberg, and Tammy Orte.

Guest – Marcia Waugh, Jan Lukes' sister.

The meeting of the Mason City Chapter NSDAR was called to order by Regent, Diane Murphy. Valerie Edison served as Chaplain. The ritual was said by all.

**President General Message** – No Report

**Committee Reports**

**American Indian** – Martha Hanson shared about an article in the Minneapolis Tribune that the Shakopee Sioux have brought 15 bison back to the area.

**DAR Service to Veterans Cmte** – shared about a Veterans helping veterans fund with the Beyond the Yellow Brick Road motorcycle ride.

**Women Issues** – Val shared that this is women's wellness month.

**DAR Schools** – No report

**Community Service Award** – Nancy Marsh & Patty Oelberg shared that they have 2 recipients bring forward for the Community Service Volunteer awards. Nancy shared that we can submit 2 each year and that they can be for individuals or for groups. The names presented for voting are Central Gardens of Clear Lake and Dennis Wilson from Mason City who has been active in the 457 Cannonball in East Park. Nancy discussed both groups. Val made a motion to submit Central Gardens and Dennis Wilson for the 2023 Community Service Volunteer awards. Motion was seconded by Tammy and approved by all.

Motion to approve the minutes from July 2023 was made Nancy and seconded by Tammy. Motion approved.

**Corresponding Secretary Report** – No report

**Treasurers Report – Patty Oelberg**

**July 2023 Finance Report**

Bank Balance 7-1-2023	\$ 1714.41
Income	\$ 13.65
Expenses	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Bank Balance 7-31-23	\$ 1708.06

**Registrar Report** – Nancy Marsh reported that we have 42 members and a couple of potential new members including Marcia Waugh and her daughter Terry Martin. Both ladies will be connected through Jan Lukes. We also have a lady that would like to become an associate member, Jeanette Hagen who is Patty Oelberg’s cousin.

**Regent Report** -Diane Murphy shared information about the ISDAR Fall Forum in October. Nancy will plan on attending and if others are interested, they should contact Diane for more information. Work continues on the Yearbook for the new year and they will be available at the September meeting. Upcoming events include

**September 12, 2023 – Meeting** 6:00 p.m. – Clear Lake Library, 200 N 4<sup>th</sup> St. **Program:** Imagination Library, United Way of North Central Iowa

**September 15, 2023 – Fund Raiser** - Ethnic Lunch in Central Park Patty, Nancy and Jan volunteered to manage the beverage stand and an information table. If others are interested in helping, please let Diane know.

**September 30, 2023 – History Walk** - Elmwood St Joseph Cemetery

**New Business** - Parade Committee was discussed so that we can have a regular float. Nancy and Val have volunteered to form this committee.

New project of reaching out to members that are unable to attend our meetings. Several members chose who they would connect with.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nancy and seconded by Marian. Refreshments followed.