

The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in Northern California
Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Governing Board Meeting

Octagon House, San Francisco, CA

I. Call to order:

Mrs. Gail Sollid, President, called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM

Present:

From Northern California: Carolee Anderson, Mrs. Dinny Chase, Ms. Marguerite Christiansen, Mrs. Barbara Cook, Ms. Leslie Evans, Mrs. Patsy Fish, Mrs. Marnie Gerlach, Jr., Mrs. Kelly Haines, Miss Janis Horne, Mrs. Patsy Hulting, Mrs. Beth Janopaul, Mrs. Peggy Karren, Mrs. Anne Kasanin, Ms. Mardi Leland, Mrs. Ginny MacLean, Mrs. Dosia Matthews, Ms. Margaret McCaul-Cabbart, Mrs. Campbell Merrifield, Dr. Diane Powell, Mrs. Charlotte Scherman, Mrs. Gail Sollid, Miss Sarah Torney, Mrs. Kirsten Vernon, Mrs. Diana Wild.

From Monterey: Mrs. Pat Anderson, Ms. Ruth Donohugh, Ms. Marguerite Meyer.

The prayer was read by Leslie Evans.

The salute to the flag was conducted by Sarah Torney.

Mrs. Gail Sollid introduced new members of the Governing Board:

2nd Vice President, Anne Kasanin
Recording Secretary: Dinny Chase
Octagon House Museum Chairman: Kelly Haines
Barbara Cook, Board of Managers
Ginny MacLean, Board of Managers

Mrs. Gail Sollid introduced past presidents in attendance : Mrs. Margaret McCaul, Mrs. Charlotte Scherman, Mrs. Jean Palmer. She also acknowledged guests Mrs. Nancy Maushardt and Mrs. Lucy Maushardt, Mrs. Margot McCormick

Corrections to the March 4 minutes were as follows: 4th Vice President Pat Fleming is "Ms." not "Mrs.", the States report was not attached, 1st Vice President Ruth Donohue report was attached, Ms. Mardi Leland was present.

Mrs. Gail Sollid called for approval of the March 4 minutes as corrected. They were approved by a majority.

II. New Business and Announcements

1. The Northern California Tentative Calendar was adjusted as follows:

Summer lunches

San Francisco, Wednesday, July 29 at San Francisco Towers

Peninsula, Wednesday August 5 at the University Club, Palo Alto, Mrs. Valerie Hamilton

North Bay still TBD

East Bay still TBD

The Literary Society will meet Wednesday July 29, 2015

Patriotic Service Lunch will be Thursday, February 18, 2016
Sunday January 24 and Monday, January 25, 2016 Semi Annual Meeting
at the Pine Inn in Carmel. There will be tours on Sunday.
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2. 11 suggested names for the electronic newsletter were presented for a vote:

The winner was "Dames Express", 2nd was "Poppy Post" and third "California Courier".

3. Kudos were given in a national article about efforts by NSCDA-CA to reinstate appropriate items to the state owned historic adobe house, Casa de Estudillo in San Diego.
4. The Ancestor's Party has been cancelled.
5. Volunteers are needed to host the summer lunches
6. There will be a Mini-Workshop at the end of the meeting on Board member responsibilities.
7. The attendance sign in sheet was passed around.
8. Mrs. Anne Kasanin will collect for lunch.
9. The Baroness Knight of Collingtree, Honorary President of the Sulgrave Manor Trust is seriously ill. Mrs. Patsy Fish will send a note.
10. National has called for historic names of notable Dames from California. Jane Leland Stanford, as well as an historic aviatrix (from Charlotte Scherman) were suggested.
11. **Emilio Lucero** received a \$229.00 citation "for parking in a bus zone". The ticket was cleared and a legislative aide for the County Supervisors is working on getting this situation taken care of for the future.
12. The Young Dames Event will be in New Orleans, January 15-18, 2016.

13. President's Message:

The Regional Biennial Conference for the 1 and 3 regions was "a lovely, dynamic experience".
New books: "*Flags and Seals*" and an updated "*Great American Treasures*" have been published. It was agreed that both would be ordered by Octagon House manager.

III. Officers Reports – Consent Agenda:

1. 1st Vice President: Ms. Ruth Donohugh was present. No report attached.
2. 2nd Vice President: Mrs. Anne Kasanin was present. No report attached.
3. 3rd Vice President: Mrs. Anne Rhett Merrill was not present. Report attached.
4. 4th Vice President : Ms. Pat Fleming was not present. Report attached
5. 5th Vice President: Ms. Marguerite Meyer was present. Report attached.

6. Recording Secretary: Mrs. Dinny Chase was present.
7. Registrar: Mrs. Kristen Vernon was present. Report attached.
8. Treasurer: Mrs. Pat Anderson was present. Report attached and see Action Items.
9. Historian: Ms. Leslie Evans was present. No report attached.
10. Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Patsy Fish was present. Report attached.

IV. Committee Chairmen Reports – Consent Agenda.

1. Business Secretary: Mrs. Charlotte Scherman was present. Report attached.
2. Directory Secretary: Carolee Anderson was present. No report attached.
3. Editor, *The Quill*: Dr. Diane Powell was present. Report attached.
4. Honorary Trustee of the Friends of Sulgrave Manor: Mrs. Kitten Ford was not present. No report attached.
5. Associate Trustee of the Friends of Sulgrave Manor: Mrs. Cecilia Cole. No report attached.
6. Regent of Gunston Hall: Mrs. Nancy McAteer was present. No report attached.
7. Membership: Ms. Dosia Matthews was present. No report attached. 2 Agenda Items attached.
8. Membership Dues: Mrs. Margi Martin. was not present. No report attached.
9. Society Genealogists: Mrs. Valerie Hamilton was not present; Mrs. Diana Wild was present. No report attached.
10. Patriotic Services/Historical Activities: Ms. Campbell Merrifield was present. Report attached and on Action/Announcement Agenda.
11. Museum Properties-Miss Janis Horne was present. Report Attached.
12. New Members and Transfers: Mrs.-Sara Stephens was not present; Mrs. Diana Wild was present. No report attached.
13. Membership Development committee-Mrs. Julia Emby was not present. No report attached.
14. California Member Dumbarton House Board: Mrs. Anne Marshall. No Report attached.
15. Nominating Committee. See Action Agenda.
16. Communications Chair-Ms. Marguerite Christiansen was present. Report 3. attached.

V. Octagon House Reports – Consent Agenda:

1. Chairman: Mrs. Nancy McAteer was present. No report attached.

2. Treasurer: Mrs. Patsy Hulting was present. No report attached.
3. Library Chairman: Mrs. Amanda Kirkwood was not present. Report attached.
4. Events Chairman:
5. Reservations Chairman: Mrs. Adele Zachrisson was not present. No report attached.
6. Museum Chairman: Mrs. Kelly Haines was present. No report attached.
7. Thursday Open House Coordinator and Docent Chairman: Ms. Mardi Leland was present. Report attached.
8. Sunday Open Houses Coordinators: Mrs. Mallory Matulich and Mrs. Jane Hillman were not present. No report attached.
9. Group Tours Chairman: Mrs. Ruth Donohugh was present. See attached report from outgoing Chairman, Mrs. Katherine T. Ford

Motion: Mrs. Dosithea Matthews moved and Mrs. Anne Kasanin seconded a motion in favor of the Consent Agendas. Motion passed by a majority.

VI. Old Business and Action Items:

1. Young Dames Portraits and Prosecco Event was reported upon by Sarah Torney. Fifteen young (under 30) dames attended. There was an ancestry.com booth. Others commented that it was a wonderful event.
2. Nominating Committee. A Chairman is needed and Patsy Fish described the duties of the job of chairman.
3. Treasurers Report (attached). Pat Anderson distributed Conflict of Interest Forms for each officer and committee chair to sign. The Walker Palmer Fund for Octagon House maintenance does not have enough income to cover costs.
4. Diana Wild read a Membership Committee Letter (attached) to the Governing Board regarding membership development.
Discussion followed concerning public responses to web site inquiries, opportunities by Dames to introduce people to the organization, that potential members understand that the NSCDA is a sponsorship only organization, and annual or biannual "meet and greet" events.

Gail Sollid stated that membership is a great concern to NSCDA as our Society has 20% over 80 years of age and less than 15% under age 50 and that our own Society has a net loss of Seven members in since March.

A proposed response to inquiries letter is also attached.

5. Lenore Branca distributed a proposed style sheet for written reports (attached) was introduced.
6. Additional Announcements/Actions

Mrs. Patsy Fish read a thank you note from **Ms. Marguerite Meyer** regarding her father's death.

Campbell Merrifield announced the 2016 national essay contest topic: "2016 marks the anniversary of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, penned by George Mason of Gunston Hall. Why does this historic document remain relevant today?"
Volunteers are need to work with schools.

Miss Janice Horn commented that any fees for military personnel will be waived at Octagon House in respect for their service.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

A workshop regarding responsibilities of the Executive Committee and Governing Board of Managers workshop followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinny Chase, Recording Secretary