

The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in California
Monterey Peninsula Committee
Minutes of Board Meeting – Saturday, August 31, 2019

Present: Marguerite Meyer, Margie Martin, Marcia Harrington, Suzette Hofman, Pat Anderson, Holly Ochoa, Marilyn Riehl, Ruth Donohugh

Attending by Phone: Leigh Haller

Absent: Anne McPhee, Nancy Griffith

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Chair Marguerite Meyer at her home. The minutes of our May 2, 2019 board meeting was approved by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports

Marguerite reported on the Monterey County Historical Society barbecue on Sunday, August 25, honoring our Colonial Dames committee for its support over the years of the Boronda Adobe in the 90s and the current Weeks House restoration project. She showed us the beautifully framed illustrated montage given to us by James Perry and MCHS as a token of their appreciation. Ruth accepted the gift and spoke on behalf of Monterey Peninsula Committee. James stated that the MCHS now has new board members and is re-energized as a result. Marguerite then inquired about the board's interest in participating in the Monterey Lyceum History Day festivities slated for next March 7. Based on board interest, Marguerite indicated that she would ask Nancy to reach out to the Lyceum.

Margie then distributed the treasurer's report as hard copy, which will be added to the binder. She asked the board to approve the payment of \$2,000 to the Pacific Grove High School Close-Up program for Fall 2019. The motion was passed unanimously.

Leigh and Margie reported on preparations for the October 8 outing to the Steinbeck Center in Salinas. Because our Founders Scholarship recipient David Torres will accompany us on the tour (but not lead it), Nancy is helping coordinate, as well. Leigh will send out the invitation very soon. Discussion of the Semi-Annual State meeting was deferred to new business.

There were no other officer reports.

Appointed Chair Reports

Marcia gave her report on member prospects, current candidate's applications, and transfers. A copy will be placed in the binder.

Candidate's helper Marilyn reminded us that the Ancestor Round-Up is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2020. There was interest expressed in setting up a table for Dames prospects. The Round-Up runs from 8 am to 3:30 pm and features interesting and helpful speakers and breakout sessions.

Adviser Ruth reported for Anne on Governing Board business. She stated that there have been several security upgrades at Octagon House and that emergency procedures have been revamped. There is now a motion-activated security camera on premises. Ruth reminded members to use the state Dames website for news updates. She also mentioned the September 28 luncheon at Octagon House for new members and docents. Docent training will be available.

New Business

Marguerite asked Marilyn to finalize holiday party reservations at Monterey Peninsula Country Club, ideally for December 15. Music has not yet been finalized, but local school choral groups will be contacted to determine availability and requested donation amounts.

Suzette is taking the reins of historian, having picked up binders from Francie. She will send photos from last weekend's barbecue to the Quill. There was much discussion about scanning old binders for better historic preservation of same. Pat will help with records scanning. Holly suggested that we find a way to share scanned materials among ourselves electronically in a secure environment, such as Google Drive.

Marguerite led the discussion of arrangements for our hosting of the winter Semi-Annual meeting. A sheet with details will be placed in the binder. The Sunday dinner arrangements have not been finalized, but Pine Inn and Il Fornaio in Carmel will be our two main meeting locations. Chris Kenney is confirmed as our keynote speaker. We expect attendance to be in the range of 55-60 persons. There will be no President's Tea in 2020 due to timing too close to hosting semi-annual meeting at the end of January.

The next board meeting will be Saturday, November 16, at 9:30 am, and another on Thursday, January 9 at 3:30 pm, both at Marguerite's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am.

Submitted by Holly Ochoa, Recording Secretary

