

The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in California
Monterey Peninsula Committee
Minutes of Board Meeting – Thursday, May 2, 2019

Present: Marguerite Meyer, Margie Martin, Marcia Harrington, Nancy Griffith, Pat Anderson, Holly Ochoa, Marilyn Riehl, Ruth Donohugh, Anne MacPhee. Attending by phone: Leigh Haller.
Guest: Margaret Hamilton, from North Carolina Dames.

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm by Chair Marguerite Meyer at her home. The minutes of our annual meeting on March 26, 2019, was approved by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports

Margie gave the treasurer's report, a hard copy of which will be added to the binder. She asked the board to approve the transfer of \$3,000 from the General Fund to Patriotic Services for scholarships, Lyceum, and Close-Up. The motion was passed unanimously.

Holly inquired about members requiring name tags, and learned that the last new membership finalized was Suzanne Hennon's, so we remain up-to-date in that department.

Anne McPhee had nothing to report, as the year has just begun.

Appointed Chair Reports

Nancy Griffith reported on Patriotic Service activity. The recipient of this year's scholarship has been selected, David Torres, an older student and aspiring teacher at CSU Monterey Bay. He submitted a strong essay and was recommended enthusiastically by university staff and faculty. Mr. Torres volunteers at both the Steinbeck Library and Steinbeck Center, so we will try to schedule a tour with him at one of them as part of a membership meeting in the coming year, with a preference stated for the Steinbeck Library. The \$2,000 scholarship check will be sent upon proof of fall registration.

Marcia gave her latest report on member prospects and applications in the pipeline. A copy will be placed in the binder. She is trying to get the word out that reciprocal or courtesy memberships are welcome for those who may have a second residence.

Advisor Ruth Donohugh told us that she will not be hosting tables at La Merienda this year. She invites members to attend the special DNA program at Octagon House on May 28.

The Governing Board has not met recently, so Anne had no report.

New Business

Marguerite noted that we need a new historian to replace Francie Blinks. Holly suggested Carolyn Humphreys, and Marguerite volunteered to call her to discuss.

We spent the remainder of our time finalizing meeting dates and determining speakers and holiday program for the year ahead. Many ideas and venues were discussed, including details for the state annual meeting next winter. After some discussion, the board concluded that it was desirable to center accommodations and activities for the state meeting in Monterey this time, since Carmel had been the focus the last time we hosted. Marguerite will send out her notes on assigned tasks in this regard.

Finally, Marguerite asked for feedback on Marilyn's suggestion that next spring we host a table at "A Table Affair," an annual charitable fundraising event at Spanish Bay. The recipient charity varies from year to year. After circulating photos and more information, the board voted to approve the initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Submitted by Holly Ochoa, Recording Secretary