

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in California  
Monterey Peninsula Committee

Minutes of Board Meeting – January 28, 2023

The Monterey Peninsula Committee Board, Committee Chairs, and Advisor met in person at the Sotheby's Conference room in Carmel Valley, CA. Present were: Whiz Lindsey, Cathy Lee, Susan Clark, Marguerite Meyer, Marcia Harrington, Margie Martin, Marilyn Riehl, Mary Potter, and Leigh Haller by phone. Cyd Crampton attended as In-coming Chairman observing only.

Whiz called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. We recited the pledge.

The minutes from the November 12, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed, and with the proposed revisions agreed upon, the Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Chairman:** Whiz Lindsey asked for feedback regarding the last two events:

1. Holiday Luncheon – December 11, 2022. Comments were made about the venue at the Carmel Mission Inn. General feedback was positive about the location, room, food, and singers in holiday costumes. There were approximately 38 that attended, including: Members, Candidates, and prospective members.
2. Cider Social – January 14, 2023. Suzette and Landon Hofman opened their lovely home in Pebble Beach for all of us to socialize with warm apple cider, with an array of home baked brunch items, and finger foods. There were 23 guests to include: Dames, Candidates, and Prospective Candidates. Suzette had a very interesting display of historical books for our review. There was joyful conversation with familiar members and meeting new Candidates and Prospective Candidates.
3. **New item:** When referencing "outsourcing" as an option in the proposed job descriptions; it was suggested and agreed upon to change the word to "collaborating".

**Vice Chair:** Mary Potter reported on the status of remaining year's events.

President's Day Tea: February 11, 2023. Ruth Donohugh will be hosting this event at her home in Pebble Beach from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Holly Ochoa will lead a panel of Colonial Dames to introduce the history of our Monterey Peninsula Committee. Leigh has sent a "Save the Date" email on 1/16/23. There will be a follow-up email.

March Annual Meeting to be held at the California State University at Monterey Bay (CSUMB) on Thursday – March 23, 2023. The menu and cost of the meal to be determined. The Invitation will be mailed with an email follow-up by Leigh Haller, Corresponding Secretary.

The proposed timeline as follows:

10:45 a.m. Dame Members check in	11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting begins
12:00 p.m. Guests arrive and check in	12:15 Lunch begins
12:45 Speaker: Katherine Malone-France	1:30 Tentative Campus Tour (TBD)

State Annual Meeting: April 19-20 2023, will be discussed at the next Board Meeting March 11, 2023.

**Recording Secretary:** Cathy Lee reported on the process of recording the Minutes, to include additions and changes in the new proposed job description.

**Treasurer:** Margie Martin reported the opening balance total checking as of 4/1/22 was \$25,575.90. The balance total checking as of 12/22/22, is \$26,495.26. The full report is filed with the Minutes of this meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Leigh Haller reported on the process and timeline to gather information for upcoming event invitations for: 1) printed and mailed invitations; or 2) emailed invitations. She also requested creation of an annual (April- March) calendar, following past procedure, listing scheduled and projected events in order to stay current and on track for timely notices. Calendar should be distributed to all Board, posted on website, then reviewed and updated at each Board meeting, and as necessary.

**Patriotic Services:** Susan Clark reported on past approved funding for Octagon House: \$2,000; Dumbarton House: \$300; Gunston Hall: \$300; Sulgrave Manor: \$300; and Wreaths Across America: \$255; which purchased (17) Wreaths for local Veteran gravesites.

Based on formal Grant Application requests in writing, Susan made a recommendation to approve funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year for the following entities:

1. Monterey County Historical Society – Request \$5,000 to be used for (2) separate signs for the Boronda Adobe at the Monterey County History Center in Salinas, CA. The signs will include mounting for display. The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America - Monterey Peninsula Committee will be recognized on both signs. A motion was made to approve this request, and seconded unanimously.
2. Monterey Lyceum History Day. It was proposed that \$1,000 be approved to cover a variety of costs for student participation. A motion was made to approve this request, and seconded unanimously. The event will take place in person on March 4, 2023. A number of Monterey Dames have signed up as Judges for the student competition. Leigh will be sending an email to all Monterey Dames, Candidates, and Prospective Candidates. Information is also available on our website.

**Membership:** Marcia Harrington reported, there are currently (50) Members to include (5) new Members since March 1, 2022. There are (10) Candidates; and (2) New Prospective Candidates. Thanks to Marcia, we have a very active membership and we are all encouraged to promote our organization to keep growing whenever possible. A full report with names are filed with the Minutes of this meeting.

**Candidate's Helper:** Marilyn Riehl reports that she is available to assist all prospective Candidates whenever there is a request. Her knowledge and guidance is valuable to a new Candidate wanting to become a Colonial Dame.

**Webmaster:** Marguerite has posted our last (3) events with photos on our website: Wreaths Across America, Holiday Luncheon, and Suzette's Cider Social.

**Follow-up Business:** Before this meeting Whiz sent the Board an email with revised Job Descriptions for review. Based on today's review, discussion and assessments, including suggestions for changes, consistency in format and verbiage, Whiz agreed to make the changes. Any further review was postponed and finalization will be made after the March Annual Meeting.

**Next Board Meeting:** March 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Sotheby's Carmel Valley.

**Meeting adjourned** at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy A. Lee, Recording Secretary