

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

Minutes of Board Meeting – March 11, 2023

The Monterey Peninsula Committee Board, Committee Chairs, and Advisor met in person at Sotheby's conference room in Carmel Valley, CA. Present were: Whiz Lindsey, Cathy Lee, Marguerite Meyer, Marcia Harrington, Susan Clark, Margie Martin, and Mary Potter. Leigh Haller by phone.

Whiz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. We recited the pledge.

The Minutes from January 28, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed, and with the proposed revisions agreed upon, the Minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairman: Whiz asked Cathy for a report about the last event.

**Presidents' Tea** - On February 11, 2023, Ruth Donohugh graciously hosted a Tea and informal program in her home. There were 25 Members, Candidates, Prospective Members, and Guest that attended. Tea and coffee were served to accompany tasty treats brought by everyone. Raffle tickets were sold while everyone mingled and enjoyed their goodies. Up for raffle were an assortment of tea cups, saucers, linens and other items that had been donated to our Committee years ago by various Dames for use at our President's Day Tea events. Another raffle item was a complete silver coffee set with large tray, contributed by Ruth. The Committee still retains 50 of the most lovely cups and saucers for our Tea parties. The money collected was added to the Monterey Peninsula Committee Treasury.

A panel was hosted by Holly Ochoa, Marguerite Meyer, Abigail Janko, and Ruth Donohugh, to present the origins of our Monterey Peninsula Committee. An overview of our local past and current projects was presented to enlighten current and prospective members.

**Recording Secretary** – Cathy reported she is starting to receive registration forms and checks for the April Annual State Meeting and venues.

**Vice Chair** – Mary Potter reported on the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting. Paid parking is now required through a kiosk either online in advance, or at the site for \$5.00 all day parking. Members check in at 10:45 a.m. The March Annual Meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. Guests arrive at 12:00. Lunch begins at 12:15. Guest Speaker: Ms. Malone-France will begin her program at 12:45 p.m., “Historic Preservation is Not About the Past”.

**Membership** – Marcia Harrington reported there are (47) total current Members (includes 6 non-resident Members), and (1) Courtesy. Three have transferred to Texas, and two resignations. Candidates: (13), and Prospective (14). Full detailed report is filed with the Minutes.

**Treasurer** – Margie Martin reported the opening balance total checking as of (4/1/22) was \$25,575.90. Balance checking account totals (2/28/23) \$20, 544.43. Full detailed report is filed with the Minutes.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Leigh Haller, by phone, reported all the RSVP’s for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting are up to date. She will email parking pass notice to attendees on March 12.

**Patriotic Services** – Susan Clark reported that the Monterey Lyceum National History Day was a huge success. The 2023 Theme: “Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas”. The Dames came through to include Members and Candidates as Judges again this year. The Monterey Peninsula Town Committee contributed \$1,000 in funding. Full detailed report is filed with the Minutes.

**Chairman** – Whiz gave a brief overview and update of the April two day State Annual Meeting hosted by CA State President Marian Bliss.

The Monterey March Annual meeting agenda, timing, and flow was reviewed. Marguerite requested that the 6 page printed program be sent out for proof reading.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Cathy A. Lee

Recording Secretary