

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in California

Monterey Peninsula Committee

Minutes of Board Meeting – May 7, 2023

The Monterey Peninsula Committee Board, Committee Chairs, and Advisor, met in person at the home of Cathy Lee in Monterey, CA. Present were: Cyd Crampton, Mary Potter, Marcia Harrington, Margie Martin, Susan Clark, Marguerite Meyer, and Cathy Lee.

Cyd called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. We recited the pledge.

The minutes from the March 11, 2023 Board Meeting were discussed, and with the proposed revisions agreed upon, the Minutes were approved unanimously.

The Minutes from the March 23, 2023 Annual Meeting were discussed, and with the proposed revisions agreed upon, the Minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Business:** Cyd proposed that ideas and dates for the rest of the **2023 - 2024** calendar be open for discussion. The following is a general outline with meetings and venues. Further details will be forthcoming re: confirmed dates and places where it says (TBD).

June 24, 2023 – Saturday: Summer Program – Monterey Museum of Art at 559 Pacific St. Monterey. Tour of the “Bruton Sisters” exhibit. A box lunch will follow. Place TBD

July 16, 2023 – Sunday –Comanche Cellars - Monterey for a “Social Event”. An Invitation will follow with details.

September 10, 2023 – Sunday: Monterey Peninsula Committee volunteers will Docent at the Octagon House, 10:00 a.m. Cathy Lee has Docent Book for loan to review in advance.

September 14, 2023 – Thursday – Board Meeting at: Pebble Beach Community Services District Center 3101 Forest Lake Road – 5:15 p.m.

October 12 or 13 – (TBD) – Fall Luncheon/Program: Casa Abrego Club Lunch 12:30. Tour Casa Amesti Adobe/The Old Capitol Club.

November 9, 2023 Thursday – Board Meeting – 10 Via Paraiso Monterey – Cyd Crampton’s home at 5:15 p.m.

December 3 or 10, 2023 – Sunday - Holiday Luncheon. Date, and Entertainment TBD. Carmel Mission Inn.

December 16, 2023 – Saturday – Wreaths Across America at California Central Coast Veteran's Cemetery, Seaside (Ft. Ord).

January 18, 2024 – Thursday – Board Meeting 5:15 p.m. Place (TBD).

February 10, 2024 – Saturday – President's Tea – 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Place (TBD)

March 2, 2024 – Saturday – Monterey Lyceum History Day. Dames volunteer judging 8:00 a.m.

March 21, 2024 - Thursday - Annual Meeting/Election of Officers/Program/Lunch (TBD).

**Open Positions:** There will be two positions to fill on the 2024-2025 slate of Officers: Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary.

The position of Historian: Shannon Kirby has expressed an interest.

**Board Member Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Margie Martin reported the opening balance total checking as of 4/1/2023 is \$20,389.23. She stated that \$560.00 is dedicated from the Patriotic Fund to the Weeks House; pending their commitment to a specific project.

Margie made a motion to transfer \$1,000 from the Administrative Fund to the Patriotic Fund. A vote was approved unanimously.

Balance of checking account is \$20,512.70 as of 4/30/2023. The full report is filed with the Minutes.

**Patriotic Services:** Susan Clark reported that Town Committees are awaiting specific guidelines from NSCDA re: the Museum Alliance Grant Application process. A Grant needs to be written to justify what amount each Committee will be granted. Our goal is to help support the Weeks House/Boronda Adobe. Ruben Mendoza may help in writing the grant request for our Committee to go forward with the application once received by National.

Wreaths Across America was discussed for our November/December project. Last year we grouped with DAR at the last minute to support a contribution of 17 wreaths to lay at the Veteran's gravesites. This year, we plan to commit the Monterey Peninsula Committee Colonial Dames on our own as a sponsor. We will donate \$340.00 to purchase 20 wreaths. More information will follow after we establish our official Commitment to Wreaths Across America.

The Patriotic Services monthly calendar is in the planning stages for September 2023 through March 2024. The full Report is filed with the Minutes.

**Membership:** Marcia Harrington reported there are (49) current members (Includes 6 non-resident Members); (1) Courtesy Member; and (8) potential Prospective Candidates since March 23, 2023. A full report is filed with the Minutes.

**Webmaster:** Marguerite Meyer reported she has posted end of the year photos and events to include February through March 2023. She has also posted the beginning of the year to include the April 2023 State Annual Meeting. She will also post our new calendar year 2023-2024 from this Board Meeting Minutes. The Ancestor's page is also up to date as they are being submitted by our Members. Marguerite also coordinates with the NSCDA-CA (Diane Powell) for inclusion of ancestors to the State list. Each Member is encouraged to send a vignette of their personal Ancestor to Marguerite to add to Monterey's Ancestor Book

**Upcoming Ideas:** A new project to support. It was suggested that we assist Veterans who need extra support. The Monterey Peninsula has the Veteran's Transition Center and VA Hospital that we can contact.

Future venues for events/meetings: Japanese American Citizen League (JACL) Monterey

The meeting adjourned at 12.59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Cathy A. Lee

Recording Secretary