

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

Minutes of Board Meeting – September 14, 2023

The Monterey Peninsula Committee Board, Committee Chairs, and Advisor, met in person at the Pebble Beach Community Services Center. Present were: Cyd Crampton, Marcia Harrington, Margie Martin, Marguerite Meyer, Shannon Kirby, Susan Clark, and Cathy Lee. Leigh Haller via telephone.

Cyd called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. We recited the Pledge. Roll call was taken.

Minutes from the May 7, 2023 Board Meeting were discussed, and the proposed revisions agreed upon. The Minutes were approved unanimously, and will be posted on the Monterey Peninsula Committee website, by the Webmaster.

Cyd asked for each Chair to give their report:

**Vice Chairman:** Mary Potter was not present. Margie Martin spoke on her behalf about the December 3rd Holiday venue at the Carmel Mission Inn. Menu choices were discussed: It was agreed upon to price the luncheon at \$50 per person. This includes an entrée, salad, dessert, and 30 minute Quartet: Vocal Point will perform from 11:30 a.m. to noon for \$250. Wine will also be offered at \$10.00 per glass. A deposit was secured by Margie from the treasury budget. Poinsettias will also be available for sale after the luncheon.

President's Tea, Saturday February 10, 2024: Holly Ochoa offered her home. Guest Speaker will be John Walton, Ph.D., author, sociologist and historian (husband of new member, Pris Walton). Attending members will be asked to bring sweet or savory items for the tea.

**Treasurer:** Margie Martin reported the opening balance total checking as of 8/31/23 is \$19,432.21. A complete account of transactions available in her full statement of activity filed with these Minutes.

**Recording Secretary:** Cathy Lee – no report other than approval for the May 7, 2023 Minutes.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Leigh Haller stated there will an Invitation by mail to all Members for the October 19, 2023 lunch at the Casa Abrego Club and tour following at the Old Capital Club/Casa Amesti Adobe. Casa lunch attendance will be limited to 28. It will be first come, and

a waiting list may be started if necessary. A follow-up email will be sent to Prospective Candidates for a tour of the Old Capitol Club/Casa Amesti Adobe.

**Patriotic Services:** National Wreaths Across America: Susan Clark suggested that our Monterey Committee may want to have our own account to support the National Wreaths Across America. Last year, we participated with DAR at the last minute to their credit. This year, we have time to notify our Members, and solicit their participation to sponsor a wreath by monetary donation, and/or lay wreaths at the Veteran's Cemetery in December.

Congressional Essay Contest: Monterey County has many High Schools to contact in early 2024. It was suggested that a committee be formed to help with contacting each school by letter, emails, and follow-up phone calls to Principals and Teachers of 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. This will help encourage students and teachers to participate and make it a success.

Patriotic Services Donations: A letter and follow-up email will be sent to all current members to contribute to the Patriotic Services Fund in October.

Lyceum of Monterey County History Day: Members and Candidates will be encouraged to participate as Judges to review submitted theme projects from Middle School students (grades 7 and 8). Each student presents his/her own creative work based on an assigned school theme. 2023-24 Theme: Turning Points in History, Saturday, March 9, 2024.

Grant Applications: A committee was formed in 2023. They reviewed and approved grant funding for the Monterey County Historical Society and the Lyceum History Day. A new Committee for 2024 grants should be formed to contact prospective organizations and inform them about our Grant Applications support. All applications submitted by December 2023, will be reviewed in January 2024 for consideration.

Octagon House: A donation from our budget is on hold until further discussion on funding.

A full Patriotic report filed with the Minutes.

**Membership Chair:** Marcia Harrington reported there are (52) current Members (4 of whom are new since March 2023), Tiffinie Meyer, Soren Du Preez, Beverly Lannquist Hamilton and Priscilla (Pris) Walton; (22) Candidates; (2) Courtesy Members which include 1 new courtesy), Katherine (Kathy) Ward, Dallas, TX; and 12 new Prospective Candidates, approved at the 9/12/23 Board of Managers meeting, Ann Hooker Clarke, Skylar Du Preez, Catherine Anneliese Grossman, Elizabeth Erin Grossman, Lucy Margaret Love, Margot Elizabeth Love, June Lorraine McBride, Britton (Britt) Elizabeth Nelson, Lisa Marie Britton Nelson, Margaux Breeze Thelander, Alicia Beth Castle White, and Kate Ellen Harkness Zaharchuk. Thanks to members,

Elizabeth Barratt, Mary Britton, Susan Clark, Soren Du Preez, Margie Martin, and Diana Thelander for proposing these candidates. A full detailed report filed with the Minutes.

**Candidate's Helper:** Marilyn Riehl reported in writing that Mary McCary's papers are ready to be sent when she is assigned a MA genealogist.

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**Webmaster:** Marguerite Meyer reported that the August 27, 2023 historic Carmel Drug Store tour, and picnic in the park was a success. The building owner, Joan Burk Murphy, and store business owner, Ross Arnold hosted 25 attendees. Photos are currently being selected to post and will soon be available to view on the website.

Cyd asked that Board Members, who have not already done so, please prepare their qualifying ancestor's vignette. Marguerite can then add them to the Monterey Peninsula Committee Ancestor book.

**New Business:** Cyd announced that Shannon Kirby, is our new Historian Chair. She has been sorting through many boxes of old photos, and plans on digitizing them. It is a long process, and a support team would be very helpful in the process to help identify people in the photos. This project will be tabled for now, until more time to devote and form a Committee. A budget will need to be established and approved.

**Job Descriptions:** A future committee in 2024 needs to be formed to complete the process of finalizing all Board Member, and Chair job description positions, and presented to the Board for a final review.

**2024 Nominating Committee:** A new Committee was formed with Marcia Harrington as Chair, Margie Martin, Marguerite Meyer, and Cathy Lee. They will recommend a slate of Executive Officers for the 2024-2025 Board. There are potentially 2-3 Board positions to fill.

Cyd asked for any ideas for future social events.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2024 at 5:15 p.m., Cyd's home.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Cathy A. Lee