

The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in California

Monterey Peninsula Committee

Minutes of Board Meeting – March 1, 2024

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

Cyd called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. We recited the Pledge. Roll call was taken.

Minutes from the January 18, 2024 Board Meeting were approved unanimously, and may be viewed on the Monterey Peninsula Committee website, as posted by the Webmaster.

Cyd asked for each Chair to give their report:

**Vice Chairman**: Mary Potter gave an overview of past 3 events. The Fall Luncheon and meeting was held on Thursday, October 19, 2023 in the Casa Abrego Adobe; followed by a tour of Casa Amesti. The Holiday Luncheon was held at the Carmel Mission Inn on Sunday, December 3, 2023. The President's Day Tea was hosted at the home of Holly and Eduardo Ochoa, on Saturday, February 10, 2024. The Guest Speaker was John Walton: "Monterey's Colonial History Stories".

Upcoming schedule of events: Annual Meeting and Election of Officers: Thursday, March 21, 2024. Steinbeck House in Salinas. Speaker Susan Shillinglaw will speak about John Steinbeck. A mailed Invitation was sent.

Summer Event: Saturday, June 1, 2024. Marcia Harrington has arranged a private Garden Tour at Edgemere Cottage in Carmel. An email Invitation will be sent. All Members and Guests are invited.

Upcoming 2024 events are in the planning stages. Invitations and details will follow:

Fall Event - September 20, 2024.

Holiday Luncheon - December 8, 2024 at the Carmel Mission Inn.

**Treasurer**: Margie Martin reported the opening balance and total checking as 2/29/2024 is \$18,954.49. Full detailed report of expenses from April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 filed in the Recording Secretary Binder.

**Recording Secretary:** Cathy Lee reported there is now a written “Step-by-step process” on how to prepare the Minutes for the incoming Recording Secretary to follow, in addition to the standard Job Description.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Laura Neault reported there have been (10) pieces of correspondence to date: 1) Annual Tea Invitation and reminder, 2) History Day and reminder, 3) Judges Training and reminder, 4) Updating Memberships, 4) Save the date for the June Garden Tour.

**Patriotic Services:** Susan Clark reported there were two grant applications received, one from the Monterey County Historical Society, and one from the Lyceum of Monterey County. The Grant Committee met, and recommended to the Board: 1) Donation of \$500 to the Veteran’s Transition Center, 2) Donation of \$2,000 to the Lyceum of Monterey County, and 3) Donation of \$2,000 to the Monterey County Historical Society. A vote of the Board was taken by email and checks were prepared and mailed out to the grantees in mid-February accompanied by a letter.

Lyceum History Day is March 9, 2024. There are currently (9) Judges participating to include: Members, Prospective Candidates, and Guests.

The Wreaths Across America organization reached out to see if we will participate again this year. Due to our success last year, the Board agreed we will participate again this year in 2024.

James Perry, Executive Director of the Monterey County Historical Society invited us to come tour the campus to see the progress they have made on the Weeks House in Salinas.

**Membership:** Marcia Harrington reported there are 54 current Members; (4) Prospective Candidates; (4) new Members since 1/1/2024; (9) new Members since 2023-2024; (3) Courtesy Members; and (16) Candidates.

**Candidate’s Helper:** Cyd reported for Marilyn Riehl (absent). Marilyn is working with Candidates who need assistance.

**Webmaster:** Marguerite Meyer reported she posted: 1) January 18, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes; 2) February President’s Day Tea event with photos and description; 3) added 4 new Members on the Meet Our Newest Members page; kept the Monterey 2024 calendar up to date on the NSCDA-CA website main Calendar page, and Monterey Peninsula Committee page; and 4) added one current Member’s Ancestor vignette on the Ancestor Book page.

**Historian:** Shannon Kirby reported currently working with Marguerite Meyer on sorting boxes of older files: organizing, updating, keeping, tossing, etc. Future work will be digitizing files.

**New Business**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to amend the Standing Rules to add a rule on quorum: The Monterey Peninsula Committee shall consist of at least (7) members who must be present at a General Meeting in order to conduct a vote.

Annual Meeting: March 21, 2024 The Slate officers will be presented at the Annual Meeting for a vote by current active Members.

Board Member Meeting Calendar 2024/2025

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| June 6, 2024      | Time: 5:15 | Place: Cyd Crampton's         |
| September 5, 2024 | Time: 5:15 | Place: To be determined (TBD) |
| November 7, 2024  | Time: 5:15 | Place TBD                     |
| January 9, 2025   | Time: 5:15 | Place TBD                     |
| March 6, 2025     | Time: 5:15 | Place TBD                     |

Fall Event: Tiffinie Meyer is in the process of coordinating a tour on the Military Base at the Presidio of Monterey/Defense Language Institute.

President's Tea – February 2025. Day and place to be determined.

Annual Meeting: March 20, 2025. Place to be determined.

Board Member Job Descriptions: A committee was formed with 3 Board Members to complete the updating of Monterey Board Job Descriptions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Cathy A. Lee

Recording Secretary